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Worth Checking Out

Del Norte tour, meeting

A walking tour of the Del Norte area will precede the first community meeting to develop plans for Del Norte on Saturday, Aug. 23. Community members and city staff will participate in the informal walking tour of the Del Norte planning area from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. (meet at the Del Norte BART station ticket machines), which will be the subject of the 3 p.m. workshop at Piedmont School on Stockton Avenue (the meeting has relocated from Windrush School).

The schedule for meetings is:
Saturday August 23: Background on Del Norte Area and Panel of Experts and Community Input

Saturday Sept. 6: Panel and Development of Alternative Scenarios
Saturday Sept. 27: Economic Analysis of Scenarios and Community Response

The purpose of the meetings is to develop a plan for Del Norte development that reflects neighborhood, community, and marketplace concerns. The task force residents, merchants, BART, AC Transit, and potential developers of the site.

Details: City Planner Ed Phillips, 215-4300.

WCCUSD candidates

The public is invited Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. when the El Cerrito Democratic Club hosts candidates for WCCUSD school board in the Nov. 4 general election. Candidates will be invited to make short presentations and respond to audience questions. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and evaluate the school board candidates. The club will consider endorsements at the Sept. 16 meeting. Details: Bill Weber, 524-8142.

Sycamore church bazaar

The 31st Annual Japanese Church Bazaar of the Sycamore Congregational Church, 1111 Novellier St., El Cerrito, is set for Sunday Sept. 7, from noon-5 p.m.

Japanese food, available to eat there or to take home will include sushi, teriyaki chicken, curried rice, monjay, udon and other delicacies. There will be home-made pies and other baked goods, as well as hot dogs, hamburgers, and hot and cold beverages. There will be include handicrafts, plants, door prizes and games for young children. The Sycamore congregation invites everyone to join them for food, fun and fellowship under the blue awning of the site of the church, between Schmidt and Moerser Avenues.

CPR class

The Albany Fire Department is having a CPR Class on Aug. 30. The class is for Layperson Adult CPR, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to sign up must do so at the Albany Fire Department. The cost for the class is \$20. The class is now open to the general public, as opposed to only Albany residents as has been the case in the past. Details: 528-5770 ext. 433.

Humane Society volunteers

An orientation meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. on volunteering for the Contra Costa Humane Society's Humane Education Department. Volunteers give presentations to classrooms and youth groups throughout the county about pet care, protecting wildlife and the environment, and safety around animals.

Hours can be flexible, but volunteers must be available on a weekday. Teaching experience and knowledge about animal welfare issues is helpful, but not necessary. Details: 672-2829.

'Little Shop' auditions

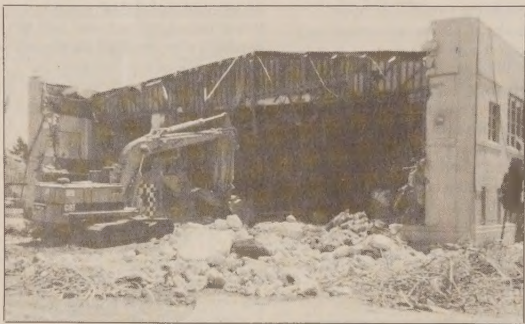
The Masquers is holding auditions Aug. 24 at 2 p.m. and Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. for its production of Little Shop of Horrors, which will run from Oct. 31 to Dec. 20. Four women (ages 20 to 40) and five men (ages 20 to 60, including two puppeteers) will be cast. Bring an original musical number in your own key and be prepared to read from the script. Masquers Playhouse, 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. Details: Steve Hill, 548-5003.

Cleaning up, tearing down



A California Conservation Corps crew was at El Cerrito High on Friday clearing brush prior to the arrival of volunteers who painted, gardened and cleaned at the school last weekend. At Albany High, by contrast, a demolition crew was working furiously all week to raze the seismically unsafe gymnasium adjacent to new portable classrooms being installed.

Photos: Greg Hugunin



■ While El Cerrito High was sprucing up for the new school year last weekend, demolition was underway in earnest at Albany High.

By Emily Lundberg

ALBANY — Residents were out in force at the local high schools last weekend, but the attraction in El Cerrito was vastly different than the one in Albany.

Community volunteers came to El Cerrito High Saturday and Sunday to tame unruly brush, remove garbage, paint out graffiti and do other work to ready the buildings and grounds for the new school year.

In Albany, on the other hand, residents came to gawk at a wrecking ball pounding away at the walls of the high school gymnasium. The school district had hoped it wouldn't have to demolish the gymnasium until a year from now, when it planned to demolish the main building.

The planned focus was to be the installation of portable classrooms in time for the new start of classes. But soon after June 16, when the school board condemned the gymnasium and the main building, and began to bring in portables, it was

clear a delay was inevitable.

Last week, at a meeting updating construction in the Albany school district, Superintendent Dale Hudson summed up the major work underway, saying, "Mostly we think we are moving ahead positively, although we have a ways to go regarding the high school's temporary housing."

When the structural engineers looked at the proximity of the gymnasium to the emergency housing, it was clear that putting classrooms 20 feet from a seismically unsafe structure made absolutely no sense. Therefore, the high school gymnasium was demolished this week and many of the portables could not be moved in until after the demolition was complete.

"Our concern is a magnitude 7 earthquake," Hudson said. "We know the potential is there. We happen to be within a mile of the Hayward fault. We know we are vulnerable. For student safety, there really was no alternative."

The high school is going to end

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Albany's watering holes

Love 'em or hate 'em, saloons bars and taverns on San Pablo Avenue pre-date the city itself and appear to be more popular than ever.



By Greg Hugunin

To some, Albany might be known as a town with fine schools, or a town with its own racetrack, or a town with a "big hill." To others, it might be a town with its very own Bull, one where parents wheel toddlers down quiet, tree-lined streets. It might be a town with no cardroom, or a town with a Stroll, or the town where, for fortune tellers, fingerprinting was almost required. Albany, of course, is all this and more, and among the items which can be listed under

"more," Albany is, and always has been, a town with—you guessed it: a lot of bars.

From the Hotsy Totsy, a watering hole older than the memory of many an old-timer, whose sign, some have noticed, bears a peculiar resemblance to the Confederate flag, to Bears, a tavern once, and often still, referred to as Quik's Little Alaska, those seeking a walk—or a stumble—on the wild side in Albany have never been left in the cold. Home to the immortal Ivy Room and the oh-so-hip Club Mal-

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EL CERRITO COUNCIL RACE '97

■ With several major issues on the table, six people have filed for the three open seats on the El Cerrito City Council. Here is Part I of our profiles of the aspirants:

By Emily Lundberg

Janet Abelson

Full-time transit advocate, veteran PTA mom, and relentless accessibility pioneer, Janet Abelson now has her sites set on a City Council seat.

Serving on at least nine transportation committees, caring for four daughters and one son, and clearing the path for wheelchairs up and down San Pablo would be too much for most people. Janet Abelson, however, just laughs and says, "It's wonderful doing what you love."

Abelson was born in Champaign, Illinois, lived for a time in Southern Illinois and then in Phoenix, Arizona. She migrated from Phoenix to California and received her BA and MBA at San Francisco State.

After graduating, Abelson worked at UC Berkeley as a systems analyst, supervising the developmental design and programming of computer systems.

Abelson and her husband, former El Cerrito Mayor Howard Abelson, moved here in 1971, ini-

tially drawn by the proximity of BART. Abelson said she prefers El Cerrito to more suburban cities because of the greater diversity and culture. "I am so glad I stayed here," she said.

She has since retired from her job as systems analyst and transformed herself into a transit powerhouse, serving as chair of the AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee, as chair and now member of the Contra Costa County Paratransit Coordinating Council, as chair of a national committee overseeing research on transportation improvements, and as a member of six other transit committees.

She helped establish Transit First, a partnership between transit and local governments (including El Cerrito), setting goals for transit infrastructure.

Not surprisingly, Abelson was honored with the 1997 Metropolitan Transportation Commission

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Gina Brusatori

Her campaign theme, "homegrown," reflects Gina Brusatori's deep roots in El Cerrito, which go as far back as 1913, four years before the city was incorporated. As a third generation El Cerritan, Brusatori has mastered citizenry and graduated to governance. While she was appointed to a vacant city council seat in August, 1996, she now seeks to regain that seat through a "homegrown" campaign.

Brusatori was born in North El Cerrito. She and her husband recently bought her parents' North El Cerrito home, the home she has lived in since birth. Parents of childhood friends are still her neighbors.

After attending El Monte Elementary, which is now Prospect, Adams Junior High and a Catholic high school in Berkeley, Brusatori attended UC Berkeley and received undergraduate degrees in Economics and Social Welfare. She then received an MBA from UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business.

She is currently a banker in San Francisco for the

Dutch firm ABN AMRO. She has been a banker and financial analyst for 14 years, structuring credit facilities for clients ranging from not-for-profit healthcare systems to global firms.

When she is not in the council chambers or crunching numbers, Brusatori enjoys opera, travel, gardening, her husband, her dog and the California Shakespeare Festival.

Past community involvement

Gina Brusatori became involved in local politics with Project Listen, which ran from 1990-1992. Since then she has been a member of six committees, commissions and task forces, the chair of one commission and the co-chair of three committees. Among them are the Planning Commission, the Public Safety Commission, El Cerrito Neighbors Together and Friends of El Cerrito.

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James-Joseph Diliberto

A 42-year El Cerritan, a self-declared "fairness fanatic," a PhD in Small Group/Organizational Communication, a consultant in "Consequential Decision Making," and a Rotarian, James-Joseph Diliberto wants your vote for city council.

James-Joseph Diliberto, otherwise known as J-J, is the son of a mathematician and a librarian. He spent his childhood on the University circuit; born in Berkeley, carted off for several years to Princeton, New Jersey and brought back to the Bay Area. He returned to El Cerrito where he attended local schools Del Mar, Portola and El Cerrito High.

Some 40 years ago, his parents bought the home he now owns and occupies with his mother and youngest brother. One can tell the house has for years been occupied by the same family. Piles of old newspapers, books and artifacts are randomly grouped together, in a way that surely seems natural to the occupants who have seen them strewn that way for years, as static as the furniture or the

landscape.

In the late 1970s, Diliberto attended California State University, Hayward and received a B.A. in Public Address and a Masters in Rhetoric. He then attended Indiana University, Bloomington, receiving his PhD in Small Group/Organizational Communication.

He now runs a communications consulting company, Consequential Decision Making, helping individuals and organizations enhance their critical thinking and decision making skills, particularly in the area of technology and advocacy. He also intermittently substitute teaches.

He first became involved in El Cerrito politics around 1988-'89 when, in a local newspaper article, a study quoted 71 percent of El Cerritans being in favor of a new tax. With his expertise in quantitative design and analysis, Diliberto thought this figure

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Club Mallard: Rough-edged institution moves upscale

By Greg Hugunin

First in a series

ALBANY — It is Thursday night at Albany's own Club Mallard, and while it may be a relatively slow Thursday, there is hardly a free seat at the bar. Here, amid stuffed deer heads and rough brick walls, a 32-year-old Richmond man, who identifies himself as "Cool Breeze," explains what Club Mallard is all about.

"It's kind of a hip crowd, but it's kind of got a blue collar element to it," Cool Breeze says, calling patrons a mix of "losers, barflies, and young new drinkers." And while, on some unfortunate nights (though certainly not this one), the Mallard might host a crowd that includes a rather heavy ratio of men to women, that, he says, is okay, for at its core the Mallard is about more

than just that, and, besides, as he, and others, have noticed, "the bartenders here are all beautiful."

It is the biggest Albany bar, and perhaps the King of Albany Bars, with decors ranging from a Polynesian patio—complete with its own bamboo plants and tiki torches—to a quiet, wood-trimmed upstairs bearing full-size, rent-them-by-the-hour pool tables. It is, at times, a crowded bar, with patrons, mostly young, standing five deep as they wait for their drinks. It is a locals' bar, where persons have acquired nicknames such as "Fast Eddie," "Hotel Dave," and the perhaps less-than-desirable "You're Cut Off." It is also a bar with a dark spot on its past, from the day

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Viewpoint

Questionable assumptions in Plaza EIR

By Peter Loubal

The "Final Environmental Impact Report" for the Plaza was made available, without public notice, on Aug. 1, and certified 72 hours later at a joint meeting of the city council and Redevelopment agency.

Some 30 to 40 El Cerrito residents had serious reservations about the draft EIR. Most were not aware of what was going on. We who did, felt we deserve time to think, reply, and argue the points raised by the over 400 pages long document, and demanded its recirculation and new public hearings.

Here is an example of errors and wrong assumptions that needs to be discussed:

The demand for automobile parking. It is obviously a crucial issue. If parking needs are grossly underestimated, this publicly funded project may become an economic fiasco and also can do vast damage to the surrounding residential neighborhood.

The consultant agreed that a straightforward use of the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) statistically-derived shared parking factors lead to a parking demand for 1,560 spaces for the basic project, at 7 p.m., weekdays, when there is a high parking demand. Still, the consultant predicted a much lesser need for 807 spaces, easily met by the 1,134 surface spaces proposed for the project, down from over 2,221 presently available parking spaces.

The calculations are simple. One multiplies the thousands of square feet of any major type of specific used by statistically derived parking factors, for the desired time period.

Retail: 245.5 x 3.4 = Office: 25.0 x 0.2 = Restaurants: 36.0 x 20.0 for a total estimated demand of 1,560 parking spaces at 7 p.m. weekdays.

The consultant agreed but argued a lower figure of only 795 spaces can be got by:

1. A seasonal correction of 80 percent, i.e.: 1,560 x 0.80 = 1,248

2. Auto-mode share correction of 75 percent, i.e.: 1,248 x 0.75 = 936

3. Internal trip (captive market) correction of 85 percent, i.e.: 936 x 0.85 = 795 (since 15 percent of the parking demand stems from already parked office employees).

Here the consultant made several questionable assumptions. Point by point:

1. An 80 percent seasonality assumption may be appropriate for general retail. It assumes that shoppers and merchants (and locals) accept a hectic December holiday peak. But for restaurants, this entails inadequate parking for the seven busiest months of the year. Also note, that the ULI factors reflect 90th percentiles rather than absolute peaks in demand. They therefore already underestimate parking demand 10 percent of the time.

2. The consultants set an

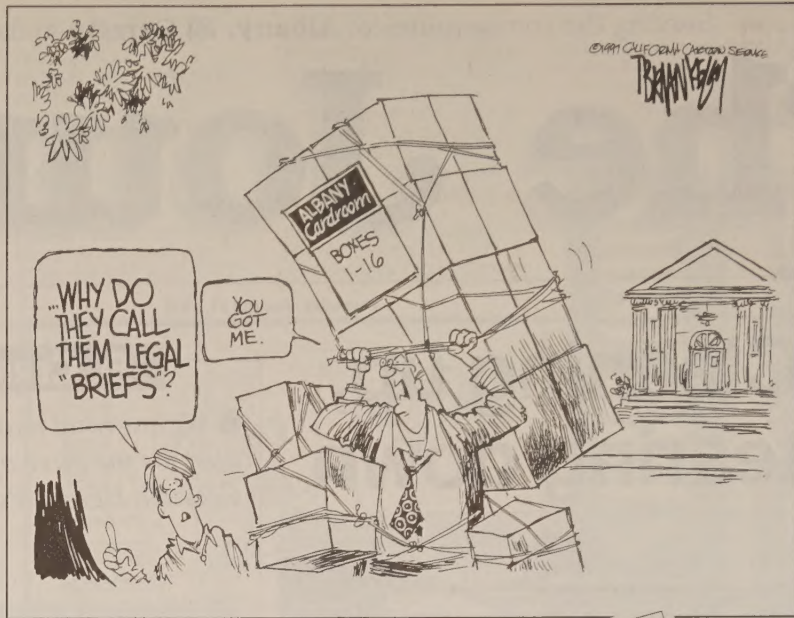
argue that the 75 percent auto-share correction factor for the 7 p.m. prime shopping and dining time period seems too optimistic. Much more needs to be done to promote access by other means than private automobile. People who readily walk to the Plaza or to BART in the morning or at noon may be reluctant to leave their car at home when going out with family or friends in the evening. The Plaza cannot depend on the limited number of very close residents. The EIR has not proposed convincing measures to achieve the stated 75 percent auto-share goal.

3. The internal trip correction is supposed to account for the cars of office employees who stay on to shop or dine. If the consultant's use of the 85 percent factor was meant to indicate that 15 percent would do so, then this will have saved one parking space, as only five cars of office workers are expected to remain at 7 p.m. The captive market rate should be applied to the portion of vehicles of office workers that are already parked, not to shoppers or diners! These are the statistics the consultants have chosen to use. They should take them seriously. Also note, that the total number of Plaza office workers has been estimated at 125, thus the 141 space "internal trip" reduction (936 - 795 = 141) is way too high. BART patrons and BART garage use cannot be considered, unless the consultant performs a separate and thorough analysis.

Most arguments used to reduce the parking demand below the 1,560 figure can be countered by other arguments that lead to increase parking: A good case can be made that the larger Lucky supermarket will require more than proportionately increased parking; that the projected 690 Plaza employees also need to park; that a five percent buffer of extra parking spaces is needed so customers do not have to search long for an empty space. Both the chosen developer Wilton/Terranomics, and the present owner The Plaza Company, initially proposed having five parking spaces per thousand square feet of overall commercial development, to accommodate the needs of Plaza restaurants. Surely no developer would voluntarily sacrifice valuable space to a purpose that brings no revenue, unless they were simply responding to the perceived requirements of potential tenants. Yet the "increased retail" project alternative has less than three spaces per thousand square feet. The consultant indicated that a Farmer's Market would require some 400 more parking spaces, "available on weekends, at the BART parking garage." Most El Cerritos prefer Tuesday rather than Sunday as a market day, and there is talk of "craft fairs" on other days. No guarantees can be made about the BART garage's future weekend availability.

All this casts doubts on the consultant's calculations and this should be independently verified. Potentially even more serious is a gross underestimation of multi-screen theater parking needs, threatening evening and weekend

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Letters to the Editor

Campaign to save Baxter Creek

Editor:
The proposed expansion of Lucky Market on the border of the cities of El Cerrito and Richmond is threatening the existence of Baxter Creek, which flows down from the hills through the two vacant fields on the east and west sides of San Pablo Avenue at the end of the Ohlone Greenway at MacDonald Avenue in El Cerrito.

Although the creek and its surroundings have been officially designated as "wetlands" by the California Department of Fish & Game, it is unclear whether the developments proposed for this area will preserve the open creek and its habitat for a variety of birds and other wildlife. A group of El Cerrito and Richmond residents is forming to work with the Urban Creeks Council and Waterways Restoration Institute to restore the creek to its natural state and surround it with a small community park. This creekside park would create a graceful gateway from one city to the next and provide a hospitable rest stop for users of the Ohlone Greenway.

Unlike many creeks in the area, Baxter Creek has never been under ground at this site and, in its open state, has never caused flooding problems during wet weather. Originating in underground springs beneath Mira Vista golf course, the creek runs down three narrow watersheds through Mira Vista, Poinsett, and Canyon Trail Parks, forming one stream near Lucky Market and flowing across the flats to the bay. Baxter Creek flows all year long, fed by at least one spring in Canyon Trail Park.

Why should we save Baxter Creek? As the Del Norte area becomes more and more developed, open spaces and natural features can improve the quality of our lives and help retain our property values. In addition, UC-Davis researchers have found that children are more creative and content at play in natural settings than fabricated playgrounds. Because children are running out of opportunities to experience nature in urban areas,

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we can set an example for other communities by preserving remaining stretches of open creeks and restoring surrounding habitat at modest cost.

What stands in our way? The proposed Lucky Market project would extend the grocery store over the creek to the Ohlone Greenway. Although Lucky has agreed to redirect the creek along the southern boundary of its new building, only a few feet of the creek would be left in the open, with the remainder hidden in a culvert under the building. Changing the direction of a creek in such a way is a risky proposition because the water usually finds its way back to its original location. And the Lucky proposal includes no plans for a community park to preserve open space and wildlife habitat.

Join us in the campaign to "Save Baxter Creek!" by attending our first meeting this September. For the time, date, and location of the meeting, call Maryann Aberg at 236-5351 or Lisa Owens-Viani at 237-7968.

Maryann Aberg
El Cerrito

Glitz and glamor gone?

Editor:
I am really disappointed about the cardroom in Albany. The opponents said there would be drug peddling at the schools, prostitutes on the corners, cars racing on the clogged streets, robberies and skyjacking — heck I was looking forward to the excitement!

Russell Solomon
Albany

Moochers don't deserve handouts

Editor:
A recent Journal article concerned the "proper" method of giving succor to the many homeless people who clutter the streets of Berkeley. The author advocated the giving of certificates which are redeemable for food only and are rejected by the able-bodied male "buns." He went on to say that the truly needy were the female homeless with children who cannot be seen on University or Telegraph Avenue because they are even more fearful of the male homeless than we, the average pedestrians. With a pocket full of chits, the reporter tested his hypothesis and, sure enough, the males spat upon his efforts, figuratively, but the females accepted them humbly and with gratitude.

Say what? The formerly invisible females with children suddenly became very visible on Telegraph that day? May I tender an explanation of this phenomenon? Doesn't it seem pretty likely that the males told

the females what was going on? And isn't it equally likely that "buns" and truly needy alike would share the food in due time?

When I was a sailor in Chicago many years ago, I gave a quarter to a middle-aged man who said he needed a cup of coffee; then just for the heck of it I followed him to see what he would do. He eventually went into a drug store and exchanged five sockfuls of quarters for bills. It amazed me to realize that the beggar had more money than I did. Since that day I have given exactly nothing to any moocher.

If you absolutely must dribble your money away, give it to competent organizations that have the skill to disburse it effectively.

George S. Boyle
Richmond

Possible solution for postal service

Editor:
In response to Mr. & Mrs. Riley-Huff's letter of Aug. 7, the quality of our mail service is indeed capricious.

My regular postman is conscientious and competent, and I'm certain there are many such. However, from what I've seen and heard, some are less so. For example, I often see carriers on their route wearing earphones. Whatever they're listening to, it's hardly likely to be conducive to the full concentration on their work which is obviously required for accurate sorting and delivery of mail. Furthermore, I heard recently that postal hiring standards have been lowered even more.

The remedy, I believe, is obvious: total privatization, and hiring strictly in accordance with competence.

John Rehfishch
Berkeley

It's no circus for circus animals

Editor:
The Circus, with all of its glitter and excitement, draws people from all walks of life to its tent to be amused and entertained. But what about the animals used to "entertain" us?

Circus animals can spend their entire lives traveling from show to show, shoved into dark, cramped metal boxes in trucks and box cars. Many have teeth and claws removed. Bears do not put on skates naturally any more than big cats like to jump through fire: their natural enemy. Most wild animals perform from fear: they know they will be beaten, whipped, or electrically shocked if they do not work. Elephants are chained by the foot, except when performing. They are routinely beaten and prodded in order to make them submissive during their training.

What can you do to help? Attend only circuses that do not use live animals. For more

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Response

Del Norte planning

Meetings of the... — and more to come

The summer of 1997 is doubt go down in El Cerrito planning history as the Summer of Meetings. Those interested in the shape that history has taken through countless City Council, Redevelopment Agency, and Planning Commission meetings, EIR study sessions, task forces, and public meetings, neighborhood and community meetings to discuss what to do, meetings, and debriefing sessions to talk about what was said and doings. Some especially dedicated souls have also gone to meetings of the Planning Commission, Design Review Board and Redevelopment Advisory Commission, probably others I don't know of. Over 300 people participated in some or all of the three events by the Prince of Wales's School program, which has concluded.

Next up: Saturday, Aug. 23, 6 p.m., Fairmont Hotel, marks the beginning of a new series of three public meetings, the first on the north end of town, the second at the BART station area, and the third at the Del Norte BART station.

Not too long ago, at a City Council meeting, El Cerrito City Manager Gary Pokorny urged us to have an "energetic conversation" about the kind of city we want to be and how we grow up. I think everyone agrees the conversation has been quite energetic to date, and the upcoming Del Norte meetings afford an important opportunity to continue it.

This ambitious meeting schedule is exhausting for all of us, especially taxing for the city — already stretched — who long hours to support these events, in addition to their other duties. I know that many El Cerrito residents would join in thanking the City Council, especially the staff for all the efforts in making these summer shops and meetings a success.

Del Norte process gives group pause

The Del Norte planning process has not evolved into the type of resident driven process that the neighborhood group can support. The task force nominated by the El Cerrito council to devise a planning process is heavily stacked in favor of the Redevelopment Agency's objectives. Only two of 10 members are true citizen representatives, yet included two developers, eager to promote big box projects. This is like letting the foxes design the hen house. Repeated attempts to change the composition of the group were ignored. Citizens chose to participate so as not to be completely left out, though risking being used to lend respectability to an inherently flawed process.

Councilman Mark Friedman can claim success for leading a least contentious set of meetings in recent El Cerrito planning history, but he has not achieved a process that local residents can trust to produce an outcome that will truly reflect their views and concerns.

Save Del Norte Neighborhood Residents' Association objects to the council's refusal to select an Economic Analysis firm the residents chose. We need consultants we can trust to tell the truth about the financial, environmental impacts and plans of the Redevelopment Agency, for both sides of San Pablo Avenue at Del Norte. At Aug. 4 meeting, the council members would not agree to approve the residents' choice of this matter.

As a result, our group can only endorse the proposed Del Norte planning meetings. We encourage citizens to attend and speak, but remain skeptical about whether the outcome will truly reflect the views of the residents.

Rosemary

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Crews grade the newest section of trail in preparation for a Sept. 20 opening.

Greg Hugunin

Trailblazing on the shoreline

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Adding another 1,000 feet to the Buchanan Street Bay Trail, the city last week took another step toward completing a network of waterfront trails when the pathway was extended to the edge of Albany Beach. The new section, paid for by some \$20,000 left over from last year's 1/3 mile, \$226,000 project, was started last week and should be the most part complete by this Thursday, according to Community Development Director Bill Ekern.

Meandering to the west before turning a left toward the stand of eucalyptus trees at the edge of Albany Beach, the new section of trail will include landscape mounds

planted with native grasses, Ekern said, and could eventually connect with future paths leading onto the former Albany Landfill.

The new trail will sport a meandering design, as opposed to the straight route to the waterfront pro-

As is, Ekern said the mounds will shield both the trail and the beach, which will be the pathway's final destination.

Also, the new trail will sport a fence, as yet unconstructed, to separate it from Ladbroke-owned property and to discourage wandering onto the often-wandered-upon landfill. It will also be marked with interpretive signs, and will have three benches where trail users can cool their heels.

Eventually, the trail will also hook into another leading over Fleming Point and toward the Berkeley Bay Trail.

The city will celebrate the opening of both the Buchanan Street portion and the new extension on Sept. 20, Ekern said, at a ceremony held in conjunction with Coastal Clean-up Day.

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vided by the Buchanan Street portion. The choice, Ekern said, stemmed both from grading requirements mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act, and from a desire to shield trail users from the area's perpetual winds.

"If we just built a straight trail, it would be a wind tunnel up there," Ekern said.

Inner Wheel service program

'Bears for Kids' ease difficult, traumatic situations

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — As a final step in the year-long project, the El Cerrito branch of the Inner Wheel handed the Police Department three garbage-bags full of "Bears for Kids." Police officers will give the bears to children who have been through traumatic situations and need the comfort of a friendly, furry friend.

Inner wheel president Joyce Odlin and member Norma Buffon said the idea came from Joan Cotton, the USA Inner Wheel president for this district. Cotton came up with the idea, and the various Inner Wheel Clubs in this district, from Marin up to Oregon and over to Mt. Shasta, implemented it.

The Inner Wheel originally consisted of wives of Rotary Club members, but now consists of partners of either sex, family members, sisters, mothers. Although the club is still a majority female, men are allowed and encouraged to join.

Every year, the president for the district identifies an area of need and creates a project.

Joyce Odlin described an ongoing project of giving "Golden Books" (story books published by Golden Book Publishing Company) to new mothers in the hospital.

The Inner Wheel also has a foundation, funding the Lucille Salter Packard Limb Bank, providing children with prosthetic

limbs throughout their growth.

Over the last year, the El Cerrito Inner Wheel members bought each bear with their own money, thinking each time of the comfort the bear would provide to a young child in a bad situation.

"It's unfortunate we have to deal with those things," said Police Chief Linda Fellers.

"A child witnessing or being in a traffic accident, being a victim of abuse or neglect, or having something happen to a loved one. Kids have a tendency to personalize things. If a parent goes to jail, or if the child has to go to the hospital, or to a shelter, it helps to have a friend to accompany them to this strange place."



Greg Hugunin

Library goes gourmet

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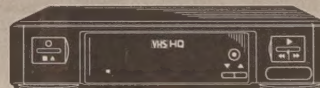
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Police Reports

Suspect arrested in mid-burglary

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — On Aug. 13 at 12:20 a.m., a San Pablo man was pulled over on Key and Knott and found to be in possession of methamphetamine.

A Berkeley man was arrested after leaving the El Cerrito Plaza Lucky's with merchandise unpaid for on July 30 at 6:55 p.m.

A Richmond juvenile, on Aug. 5 at 4 p.m., knocked on the door of a residence on the 700 block of Lexington. When there was no response, the suspect went around the house and punched a hole in the screen door in an attempt to gain entry to the house. The man was arrested on burglary charges.

On the 3200 block of Santa Clara on Aug. 5 at 11 a.m., a man between 20 and 30 years old entered the rear door of a residence and told the resident to sit on the living room couch. When the resident began to scream, the man fled the premises on foot. The resident could not identify the suspect's race.

A gray '88 Ford Taurus parked on the 5900 block of Huber was broken into on Aug. 6; a radio and garage door opener were stolen. A yellow '79 Datsun was broken into on the 5200 block of Potrero on Aug. 6; a radio was stolen. On the 5900 block of Huber on Aug. 6, someone smashed the passenger side window of a '93 Toyota Tercel and attempted to steal the radio.

On the 1100 block of Shelvin Drive on Aug. 8 at 1:20 a.m., a wounded deer was shot by a police officer and removed by animal control.

trol.

On Aug. 7 at 12:30 a.m., a Richmond man who left Target with basketball cards not paid for was arrested for petty theft. An Oakland woman left Safeway with items not paid for on Aug. 6 at 11 p.m. and was arrested for petty theft.

Someone used a large rock to smash a mailbox on the 500 block of Clayton Avenue on Aug. 6.

On Aug. 7 at 12:55 a.m., on the 3000 block of San Mateo Avenue, someone covered the rear basement door window with a sleeping bag and then smashed the window setting of the burglar alarm. There were no other signs of intrusion or missing property.

On Aug. 6 at 12 a.m., three suspects pried open the front door of a residence on the 1200 block of Wesley, ransacked the place, and removed property.

At 10 p.m. on Aug. 6 on the 1000 block of Everett street, someone broke into a Saturn station wagon. No property was stolen.

On Aug. 1, between noon and 2 p.m., someone entered a residence on the 500 block of Colusa and stole a computer and an '85 Toyota Camry parked in front of the residence.

An '89 Mercury Sable was stolen from the 11400 block of San Pablo on Aug. 10 at 3:30 p.m. An '89 Yamaha was stolen from the 2500 block of Edwards Avenue on Aug. 10 at 4:30 p.m. A yellow '81 Toyota was stolen from Manilla and Elm on Aug. 7. An '82 Honda Civic was stolen from the 6400 block of Fairmount Avenue on Aug. 9 at

10:27 a.m. A '90 Nissan Pathfinder was stolen from the 1700 block of Lexington at 6:17 a.m.

An '89 Honda Accord was stolen from the 1800 block of Liberty on Aug. 8 at 7 a.m.

Someone stole a Richmond woman's groceries from her car when she was parked in front of FoodsCo on Aug. 8 at 3:30.

On Aug. 8 at 12:45 a.m., on a parking lot on the 6500 block of Gladys Avenue, an African American male between the age of 25 and 35 stole an El Cerrito woman's purse.

Between Aug. 6 and 7 on the 1200 block of Liberty Street, someone pried open the window of a Buick Skyhawk and pried the steering column in an attempt to take the vehicle. Between Aug. 6 and 7, someone entered an unlocked BMW on the 1700 block of Lexington and stole an indash stereo, a cell phone

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Traffic stop leads to 4 arrests

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 12:45 a.m. on Aug. 13 officers stopped a U-Haul truck on San Pablo Avenue for a traffic violation. A check of the driver and the two passengers, ages 19 and 20, two from Albany and one from Berkeley, found that they all had various outstanding warrants from Albany and Berkeley, they were all arrested and transported to the Marshall's Office. The driver was also charged with vehicle code violation and for not having a driver's license. A couple of hours later a 19-year-old El Cerrito woman came to the Albany station to get the keys to the U-Haul truck. A check found that she had a suspended California driver's license. Her license was confiscated and she was cited and released with a

Notice to Appear. What a group!

On the afternoon of Aug. 10 officers were called to a liquor store on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue regarding a man and a girl who were attempting to forge a check on a nonexistent account. The man and the 17-year-old girl, both from Oakland, were arrested. He was held and transferred to the Berkeley jail and she was released to her mother.

On Aug. 11 a resident on the 800 block of Carmel Avenue reported that four to five juveniles had just taken a bike from another juvenile and had headed south on Carmel Avenue. Officers located the group of four Oakland boys ages 12, 13 and 17. They were arrested.

On the morning of Aug. 13 a resident on the 500 block of Jackson Street reported that his white

'87 Toyota 4-runner had been stolen during the night while it was parked in front of his house. There were no witnesses.

At about 10 a.m. on Aug. 10 officers responded to a call for assistance from Richmond police regarding a maroon and silver Chevy pickup that was spotted west bound on I-80 from Richmond. The vehicle was stopped and a suspect was in custody.

On the afternoon of Aug. 10 an employee at a business on the block of Eastshore reported that a white male adult, 5-foot-4, weighing 160 pounds, with dark hair, wearing a blue jean jacket, dark pants, went upstairs of the business, stole a jacket and left the building going north. He was gone when officers arrived.

On Aug. 14 a worker at a business on the 700 block of Watson Avenue reported that a

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People

Diana Keck

Diana Keck of Richmond was named to the Dean's Honor Roll based on grades received in the Spring 1997 semester at the University of the Pacific. Ms. Keck is a senior at the University of the Pacific majoring in communications, and is the daughter of Mrs. Sharon Rasmussen.

Andrew Si-Hang Lee

Andrew Si-Hang Lee of Albany graduated from Columbia University in New York with a degree in chemical engineering.



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Creek boosters take tour of local waterways

Submitted by Friends of the Five Creeks
The Albany-based Friends of the Five Creeks community group has been working hard to raise the awareness of residents within the watersheds of Cerrito, Middle, Marin, Village and Codornices Creeks. Not only have they collaborated with the City of Albany to stencil the Ohlone Path under BART at creek crossing, they have been volunteering with the city's environmental education program to teach children at the creeks the importance of restoring creeks to improve water quality. Both of these activities are funded in part by a grant the Friends received from the Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program's Community Stewardship Grant Program and will be ongoing if others are interested in participating.

Additionally, the Friends organized a "Headwaters Hunt" on July 26. Twelve curious creeksters joined local creek expert John Steere to find the sources of Albany's creeks hidden in the East Bay hills. Armed with copies of the Watershed Map

of the Oakland-Berkeley area produced by Janet Sowers and the Oakland Museum, the creek enthusiasts visited four different sites and were rewarded at each location with added knowledge, beauty and understanding.

The first stop was at Arlington and Oberlin Streets in Kensington. The creek at this spot is believed to be the eastern most natural reach of a creek which then becomes a storm drain system before flowing into Cerrito Creek. According to Steere, land upwellings present around the area are caused by the Hayward Fault which runs along the same north/south line of Arlington Avenue.

The second stop, at Arlington south of Amherst Street in Berkeley, proved to be very exciting. Here the northern and southern forks of Cerrito Creek converge just east of the old trolley tracks. Scouring down the fill of what Steere believed to be an old quarry along the southern branch of the creek, the group noticed that invasive plants had already taken over the riparian corridor. While retrieving a water sample for testing later, members

of the group discovered a historic railroad trestle left behind from when the tracks were converted into Arlington Avenue.

Pressing further west, the group happened upon a mother deer and three of her fawn. While the deer retreated, adventurers discovered the northern fork of Cerrito Creek cascading over a waterfall of travertine into a romantic grotto. After detecting a faint smell of sewage in the area and taking another water sample, the group decided perhaps the grotto was not the most romantic, and journeyed onward.

The third stop on the "Headwaters Hunt" was at John Hinkle Park. Although this is not the source of Blackberry Creek, which then becomes Middle Creek in Albany, the group felt it close enough and wanted to tour the beautiful, wooded public works project of the 1930s. The stairs and walkways that traverse the park carried us over the creek through rays of sunlight.

Recognizing that the sources of Marin and Village Creeks are unreachable due to their current state of being entirely encased in storm drains, the group journeyed on to

Activities and questions about Friends of Five Creeks can be directed to Lyndi Swanson, President, 528-8402.

the final destination, the sources of Codornices Creek. Walking through the tunnel connecting the Rose Garden to Codornices Park, Steere prepared us for a short journey along the creek's south branch where a revegetation restoration program is taking place. We then walked up the north branch along a narrow path through an amazing world of trees, rocks and trickling water.

The Friends will continue to educate school children, clean creeks, and educate the public. Look for our table at the Solano Stroll Sept. 14 and sign up to help clean a creek in October.

The group will be coordinating with the City of Albany creek clean-ups the first three Saturdays of October on different parts of Albany's creeks to make way for the rain. Call the City of Albany at 528-5760 for information on these cleanups.

Price launches school board bid

EL CERRITO — Resident and West Contra Costa Unified School District activist Glen Price is already lining up endorsements in his bid for a district board seat in the Nov. 4 election. Price, who fell short in a campaign for the board two years ago, is one of eight people running for three seats that are up for election and he has a long list of endorsements, including Congressman George Miller and state Sen. Barbara Lee.

Price's platform calls for work to begin on a new Richmond Middle School and the renovation of existing school sites; improved school safety; accountability for school performance; and improved conditions for teachers and employees.

District-related background

Price's platform and qualifications for office are based on in-depth experience working in district schools and on school issues. His two daughters attend district public schools, where he has been an active parent organizer and leader. Price has also served on many district task forces and committees.

Price is Financial Development Director for the YMCA of the East Bay, the largest non-profit provider of child care and youth services in Alameda and West Contra Costa counties.

Price co-chaired For the Children of West County, the committee formed to seek passage of Measure E, an advisory measure on the November 1996 ballot seeking continuance of \$5 million in annual funding for district schools. The measure passed with an unprecedented 68 percent of the vote.

He co-founded the Alliance for Public Education a broad-based organizing effort designed to build parent and community support for schools and the positive reform of the school district.

Price is publisher and creator of West County School Watch, a weekly newsletter disseminating school news district wide. West

County School Watch is published in print form in *The Journal*, reprinted in many school and PTA newsletters, and also available on the internet (<http://www.igc.org/westcounty>). This same web address will be the location for Price's campaign web page scheduled for launch on Aug. 26.

Supporters of Price's candidacy have formed an election committee, Parents and Community for Glen Price. The committee has organized by selecting chairpersons/coordinators for each of three different geographic areas in the school district: Pinole/Hercules: Bria Kille (758 7945); El Cerrito/Kensington: Robin Winton (527-2783) and Richmond/San Pablo: Herb Miles/237-4251 and Maria Lemus Hollands/232 7869).

Endorsements

Price's candidacy has been endorsed by hundreds of individuals district-wide and many civic, political, parent, and community leaders including: Congressman George Miller, state Sen. Barbara Lee, Richmond Mayor Rosemary Corbin, former Assembly members Bob Campbell and John Knox, Pinole Mayor Betty Boyle, Richmond City Council members Irma Anderson and Tom Butt, El Cerrito City Council members Jane Bartke, Mark Friedman, and Norman LaForce; Pinole City Council members Maria Alegria, Mary Horton, and Peter Murray; San Pablo Councilmember Barbara Vigil, Contra Costa County Board of Education member Pam Mirabella, and Kensington Community Service District members David Fike and Joan Gallegos.

Endorsements by community and religious leaders include Rev. Phil Lawson (Easter Hill United Methodist Church), Cheryl Maier (Opportunity West), Sylvia Rosales Fike (Spanish Speaking Unity Council), Don Lau (West Contra Costa YMCA), Art Schroeder (West Contra Costa Gray Panthers), Warwick Liang (Richmond Youth Project), and the Rev. Carol Wickersham (Northminster Presbyterian Church).

Merged West County hospitals get new name

Last Sunday marked the official unveiling of Doctors Medical Center, the new name for the recently merged Brookside Hospital in San Pablo and Doctors Hospital in Pinole. The former Brookside Hospital will be called the San Pablo campus and the former Doctors Hospital will be designated as the Pinole campus.

The name change reflects the

Jan. 24 merger of the two hospitals, located 4.5 miles apart. The new name was selected after randomly surveying 600 households in the community. Respondents chose Doctors Medical Center as their first choice from a list of names that were submitted by employees, physicians, and board members of both hospitals.

Officials say the combined medi-

cal center marks a new era of comprehensive, full-service medical care to serve the communities from El Cerrito to Crockett. "Through the partnership of the two hospitals, shared medical expertise, enhanced technologies, additional equipment and beds, and a major renovation of the San Pablo campus, we are able to create a stronger healthcare delivery system which will provide quality care well into the 21st century," said Gary Sloan, CEO of Doctors Medical Center.

Doctors Medical Center is operated by Tenet HealthSystem, the Doctors Medical Center San Pablo campus is located at 2000 Vale Road and the Pinole Campus is located at 2151 Appian Way.

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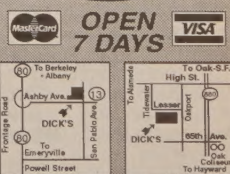
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Mallard

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when the last in a long chain of owners put an end to one version of Club Mallard and, unwittingly, set the stage for creation of another.

According to current owner Doug Miller, Club Mallard, which was originally built as a livery stable, first began serving drinks in 1934 as the long-since-forgotten Dog House. After a spell as the also long-since-forgotten Club Pago Pago, a venue that, according to Miller, specialized in "exotic Philippine dancing girls," the Mallard acquired its current name in 1945, when the owner of an Oakland bar named Crabby Joe's bought the establishment and gave it to his two adult sons.

Named in honor of a duck club in Gustine, Calif., which their father used to own, Club Mallard continued under the proprietorship of the two brothers until the younger one bought the older out. That brother, in turn, died of a stroke, at which point his wife took over and ended up marrying a Mallard bartender, a man named Kelly Boulware.

Time slid by, and she too



Marlene, right, celebrates her 21st birthday with three friends from Richmond.

passed away. Boulware assumed ownership, and, despondent over his wife's death, began drinking himself "into oblivion," Miller says. Gil Rossen, a current daytime bartender who has poured drinks at the Mallard for 18 years, remembers how, one afternoon, he noticed that his boss

had not come down from his upstairs apartment to pick up the newspaper, and, climbing the stairs to investigate, made a somewhat grisly discovery.

"It wasn't too long after she died that he committed suicide," Rossen says, describing how he found Boulware shot to death in

the bedroom that is now Miller's office. "That's basically about it, I guess. He just kind of gave up."

Following a dispute among Boulware's descendants over who owned the bar — which resulted in a court-ordered liquidation — Miller and co-owner Chris Donahue purchased the Mallard three years ago, finding the place untouched to the point where the bar napkins and straws were still in place. Converting the upstairs apartment into an upscale billiard parlor (perhaps the only billiard parlor in the East Bay, if not the world, with a bathtub in the restroom), the two brought Club Mallard roaring back onto the Albany bar scene after 14 months out of commission, with the first order of business involving acquisition of a new clientele.

"We've cleaned up the joint, kicked tons of people out," Miller says. "It used to be pretty much a group of abject alcoholics who would sit around and have 12 drinks and get falling-down drunk."

Now, with an afternoon crowd of regulars and a separate set of evening patrons who come from as far away as Oakland, it is a younger, hipper Mallard that graces San Pablo Avenue, with Miller, at age 38, often the oldest person in attendance.

"It's a place where the people make it what it is," Miller says, describing the club's patrons as an eclectic group who range from artists to construction workers to, on one occasion, transvestites, who held a drag queen night in the refurbished upstairs. "I figure it's a place to go for people who don't want to watch TV all the time. It's absolutely not fancy. It's a real down to earth place to hang out."

Among patrons encountered

Thursday, who ranged from a Richmond woman celebrating her 21st birthday in the first bar of her life to a 26-year-old man who says he has frequented the Mallard, both the old version and the new one, for the past seven years, those interviewed seemed to like what they found.

"The more often you come, the more well known you are," said 27-year-old Berkeley resident Scot, who calls the Mallard "the King of Berkeley bars because you can still smoke here."

Tashi, 29, also from Berkeley, who *The Journal* found winning a Cadillac Margarita in a game of pool, agreed, calling the Mallard "a very Berkeley, very Berkeley bar."



Nessa, one of the bartenders working last Thursday, mixes and pours a cocktail for a customer.

Bars

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lard, Albany's bars have, in fact, been packing them in for decades, since the days when Solano Avenue had its very own railroad and the ink was still drying on the bill that put an end to Prohibition.

There was the Club Pago Pago, the Solano Club and the M&L, Frank Knapp's Bar and the Straight, Place and Show. There was the Viking Lounge, and the Kit Kat, and the Lucky 13 — an after hours club where, in the 1960s, one could hear bands such as The Opposite Six, and where a young musician named Larry Murdo played bass under the eye of a bouncer named "Juan," who had a black belt in karate and could bench press 450 pounds.

"There used to be about 10 or 15 just on San Pablo Avenue," says Jerome Blank, who, at the tender age of five, first set foot in the town he still calls home in 1925. "There was just bar after bar after bar."

And while most, according to Blank, "weren't particularly rough — these were good people in there, these bars were like the working man's club," there have also been times when the drinks flowed a bit too freely and the party got somewhat out of hand.

"Oh, the Lucky 13 was wild, my God," says Murdo, who has since relinquished the stage in favor of a position as Chief of Police. "It was a real magnet, and it didn't always attract law-abiding individuals from other communities."

"The police really liked the

Lucky 13 because they knew where all the problem people were," says Warren F. Lee, a University Village resident and historian writing a book on the Albany/Berkeley area.

There was the infamous Viking Lounge, a tavern that, according to Blank, at first catered to a more upscale crowd, but evolved, as bars do, as it passed from owner to owner. "I remember a couple wild meles in the parking lot," says Murdo of the late 1970s avatar of the Viking, describing "riot" situations where police were "drastically outnumbered." (According to Blank, who, as a Realtor, later sold the property, patrons celebrated their last night at the Viking by breaking all the bar's mirrors with liquor bottles).

And then there was The Office, which, among other things, served as a post-City Council meeting gathering place, and where, according to *Journal* columnist Phyllis Lyon, one could gather "enough news to fill two papers, and the kind of news you like."

The times have changed, though, as times tend to do. Lucky 13 is now a video store, and the Kit Kat — once the site of a murder in the 1960s — has evolved into a kinder, gentler type of establishment: a Sizzler. The Solano Club, described by many as a fabulous Jazz venue, is now Magic Garlic, and the number of taverns has dipped into the neighborhood of a half dozen.

And yet many have, like characters in a Faulkner novel, endured, outliving their original owners and,

in at least one case, a whole string of proprietors. So with that, and the dog days of August upon us, when the City Council is on vacation and the news trickles slow as molasses, *The Journal* will embark on a series of profiles of two, or maybe four (depending on how long our liver and expense account — holds up) of Albany's darkest, smokiest, pool-playingest venues, the jewels of San Pablo Avenue: Albany bars.

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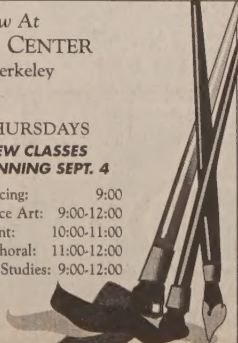
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A long leap from KPIX for Brandwynne

Going Public: "This is great ... it's the dream of a lifetime," enthuses long-time Bay Area TV newswoman **Marcia Brandwynne**, calling from L.A. about her new temporary national gig. You read it here first: Brandwynne, **Van Amburg's** long-time co-anchor at KGO who left KPIX under less-than-ideal circumstances last year, will be one of three co-anchors this fall on NPR's flagship newsmagazine, "All Things Considered."

"I'll be filling in while Noah Adams is on sabbatical," explains the upbeat and chatty Brandwynne, who's moving to Washington from L.A. for the two-month gig starting in October. "I auditioned, and it was down to me and one other person," says Brandwynne, who was treated badly here by Channel 5 — it dropped her promising morning show after only two weeks in production in 1996. "Daniel Schorr pushed for me. He said I asked the best questions." Brandwynne added thoughtfully, "I owe you a big thanks, Bill, for hooking me up with Michael Krasny and KQED."

Brandwynne filled in for Krasny on his popular "Forum" show earlier this year on KQED-FM, now the highest-rated public station in the U.S. And Brandwynne used those KQED tapes as a springboard to this national gig.

Brandwynne, by the way, is also part of a major new cable project, but says she can't talk about it publicly yet. And KPIX's loss is the country's gain: We lose Brandwynne, but we get to keep insufferable Channel 5 forecaster **Roberta Gonzales**, who does more mugging than a New York City hoodlum.

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: Speaking of unpleasant local TV types, does anyone else get the chills watching android-like KGO-TV 5:00 co-anchor **Dan Noyes**? The guy's just not cold-looking enough, is he? ... I take

pride in the fact that I seldom agree with tiresome leftist/KGO Radio talk host **Bernie "The Bullhorn" Ward**. But Ward's support of then-striking UPS workers recently, even though expected, was a real tonic to the rank and file: During one show, strikers called Ward to express how much listening to his show from the picket lines buoyed their spirits. So, does the UPS settlement denote the high-water mark of today's dismayingly widespread corporate greed? One would like to think so, but dream on ... Like many, I always disdained the Teamsters, laughing at jokes like the one about how many of them it took to screw in a light bulb (A: "12. You got a problem with that?"). But when the pre-ANG "Classic Tribune" was struggling financially, East Bay Teamsters could have shut our newspaper down on several occasions, but didn't.

Many of us who worked there will always be grateful for that...

Don't call it the NATIONAL Enquirer any more. It's been rechristened the NEW Enquirer ("No more stories about little green men!"). And as a salute to this noble new path, in next week's Perspire, er, Enquirer out Monday, yours truly does their Fall TV Preview. Still, it's a long way from a gripping story I did for the tabloid in 1980 titled, "Your Salad Dressing Reveals Your Personality." (Hint: Bleu cheese bad. Thousand Island good) ... Ward's colleague, droneologist and KGO afternoon talk host **Gene Burns**, had almost become listenable at times. He's a bright and articulate man who finally reined in his tedious, self-indulgent 20-minute opening monologues. But his heartless condemnation of UPS strikers and something else he said the other day put him back near the top of local radio's Biggest Jerk list: In a discussion about the new study showing that spanking kids is counterproductive, Burns not only advocated spanking but — get this — also suggested that a "well-placed" occasional parental blow to the face might also work wonders with an obstreperous (a Burns-type word) child. Which

leads us to one of two conclusions: That Burns was either trying to stir up controversy and attract more callers by saying something incredibly stupid and reckless on the air; or two, that he was a lousy parent. You make the call ...

One Oakland reader writes to blast KGO's **Dr. Bill Wattenburg** for Mr. Science's tiresome, right-wing views on the environment. The term I prefer for the weekend chat host: "Doctoral-wielding know-it-all." ... I don't know if you caught ABC's timely and useful "PrimeTime Live" investigation the other night about the apparently common practice of ripping off customers on computer repairs. But in case you didn't, the only chain that came off smelling like roses was CompUSA. When a reporter brought in a PC with a purposely defective \$5 cable, CompUSA diagnosed the problem more accurately more often than any major chain store. A couple of places even informed the undercover ABC reporter that the computer's motherboard was shot, a costly — and totally unnecessary — repair ... Could there possibly be any ads on radio more annoying than those ubiquitous ones for Glendale Federal (done by the daughter of longtime TV ventriloquist Paul Winchell)? In them, the obnoxious female voice whines to a Big, Impersonal Bank (what's Glendale, a mom-and-pop operation?). "Could you give me the number for Amnesty International? Because you're



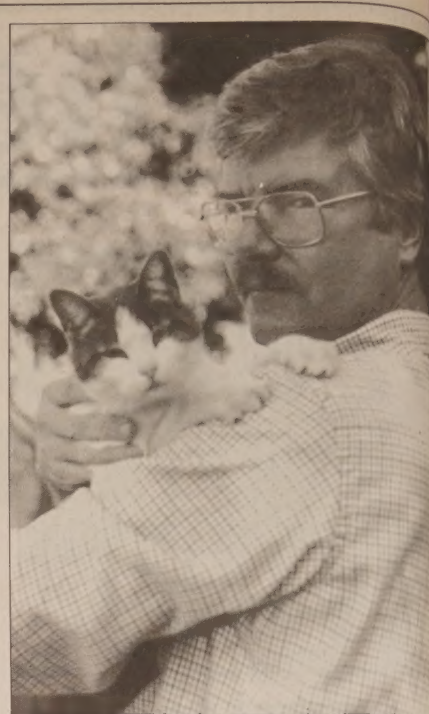
■ Bill Mann

torturing me!" Real clever. God, I loathe those ads ...

Now that the Strolling Bones have announced they'll be touring again, it was inevitable that some are already calling this their "Steel Wheelchairs" tour. And when the likes of right-wing Eva Gabor soundalike **Adrianna Huffington** rushes on CNN, "The Stones play my kind of music!" the idea of hipness seems rather distant.

Edgar Rice Chex tells me he hears the Stones' opening number at the Oakland Coliseum Nov. 14 will be "Hey You, Get Offa My Barcalounger!" ... But the best line I heard this week came from a caller on **Ronn Owens'** KGO Radio show. Owens was doing an hour on L.A. feminist attorney **Gloria Allred's** latest apparent publicity stunt, representing a fashion model jilted by Princess Di's latest beau. Referring to Allred, the male caller said, "She makes **Alan Dershowitz** look like a shut-in."

Questions or comments? Please write Bill c/o this newspaper or e-mail him at Newsmann@aol.com.



Albany Rotary president

The newly elected president of Albany Rotary is **Todd Armstrong**, owner of **Armstrong and Armstrong Insurance Brokers**. Since 1981, Armstrong is proud to serve as president of the club is engaged in both local and international service, invites new members and visitors to attend weekly meetings Tuesdays, noon, at the **Solano Grill and Bar**, 1133 Solano Ave. Reservations are not necessary. Armstrong lives with wife, **Dorothy**, daughters **Grace** and **Hilary** and their cats **Stella** and **Stella**. For Rotary information call Armstrong weekdays 525-3902.

Fogerty, ex-bandmates in tug-of-war over 'Creedence' name

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court in San Francisco handed a setback to singer-songwriter **John Fogerty** last week in his battle to stop former **Creedence Clearwater Revival** bandmates from touring under a similar name. The band got its start in El Cerrito where the members then attended junior high school.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals lifted an injunction obtained by Fogerty last October that had temporarily forced the nostalgia act to drop the name "Creedence Clearwater Revisited."

Fogerty was outvoted when his former drummer, guitar player and other members of a partnership with rights to the **Creedence Clearwater** trademark agreed to license the name to a Nevada company, **Poor Boy Productions Inc.**

Starting in July 1995, the corporation promoted worldwide concerts by a five-member band including **Creedence Clearwater Revival** veterans **Stuart Cook** and **Douglas Clifford**. Fogerty, the lead singer for the blues-roots group that broke up in 1972, claimed the new band was confusing

the public by implying that he had a role in the tour or endorsed the performances. The fourth member of the band was **John Fogerty's** brother **Tom**, now deceased.

After a federal trial court judge issued a preliminary injunction in October 1996, the band changed its name to **Cosmos Factory**, according to **Steve Polikalas**, an attorney for **Poor Boy Productions**. The name change interfered with the company's ability to promote the concerts of "original Creedence guys and original Creedence music," Polikalas said.

The federal appeals court lifted the preliminary injunction a few days ago and followed up today with a written order holding that Fogerty unlikely to prove at trial that constituted band is trading in popularity or confusing audience.

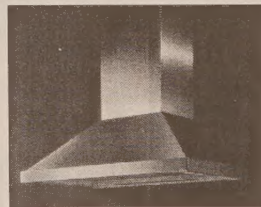
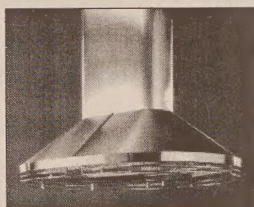
"The record contains no evidence that **Poor Boy** was engaged in deceptive or misleading advertising or marketing," the court said.

No date has yet been set for trial on Fogerty's claims, Polikalas said. Fogerty's attorneys could be reached for comment.

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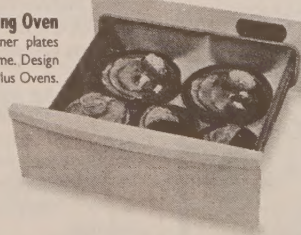
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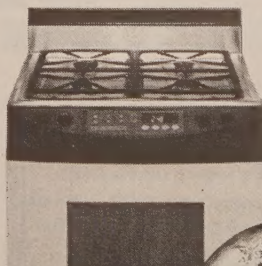


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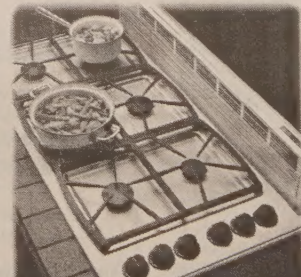
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When ready to retire, Walsh plans to purchase a boat that will be his home away from home. For 12 years, Walsh lived on a boat at the Berkeley and Alameda marinas.

For auto information or appointments phone Walsh at 594-5994.

Annual Pasta Fest

Royal Cafe owner Majid Mahani, will serve his annual Albany Pasta Fest dinner, Saturday, Sept. 13, at the restaurant, 811 San Pablo Ave. Chamber of Commerce board members chairing the event are Alan Basso (Farmers Insurance), Amelia Chelwell (Alameda Bank) and Christine Forristall (The Mechanics Bank) who plan not only a delicious meal but a great entertaining evening. Doors will open at 6 p.m., with dinner served until 9:30 p.m. There will be a no-host bar with the Chamber's famous drink. Dinners will consist of a salad, roll, butter,

capon breast marinated in Mahani's secret marinating sauce, pasta with the choice of marinara or pesto sauce, all served by Chamber volunteers. Dinners are \$12.50, the same as in past years. Reservations are recommended but not necessary. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office, 1108 Solano Ave. or phone 525-1771 weekdays.

The next day, Sept. 14, the Chamber staff's its hot dog booth in front of Summit Bank during the Solano Avenue Stroll. Also, the newly designed "Albany California" T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available. Albany graphic designer Vic Tyler designed the latest shirt. On hand will be the "bridge" shirts, and "Albany" caps.

Be sure to start the "Stroll" day at Memorial Park with the Berkeley Lions Club pancake breakfast starting at 8 a.m. and serving til noon. Breakfasts are \$5 for "all you can eat": pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and coffee. According to Al Satake, Linda Williams her musicians will play "breakfast" music. This is the 14th year the Berkeley Lions have served this popular breakfast. Tickets are available at the chamber office. Proceeds benefit Lions Sight Conservation Fund and West Coast Children's Center.

Scandia Imports' new arrivals

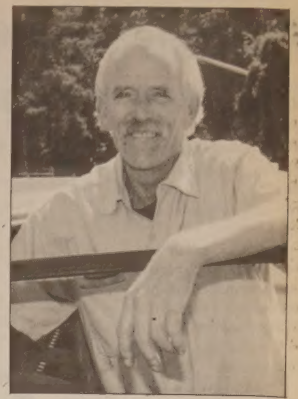
Scandia Imports owner Jon Ardild is looking to introduce his most recent arrival from Norway — Buodd Tinn, a very nice feminine line of handmade pewter jewelry and a nice contrast to the other pewter adornments you may have seen at Scandia. Initially, Ardild is concentrating on the jewelry portion of the

Albany Chamber of Commerce

By Fern Luoma



David Walsh, owner of D.H. Walsh Automotive



line, but in the future he will also offer some of the gift articles produced by Buodd Tinn.

Ardild had the pleasure of meeting the artisan when he visited Norway earlier this year. Hans Arne Buodd is a second generation Pewtersmith and established the enterprise in 1962. Buodd Tinn is located in a small village on the way down the southern coast of Norway. Everything seems small in Norway except their oil platforms and fjords. Everything is handmade and includes pieces with Thulite, the National Stone of Norway, first discovered in 1820 and named after Ultima-Thule, the old Greek name for Norway.

Ardild invites all to drop in and take a look at a bit of history.

Auto Show thanks

On behalf of the Sixth Annual Albany Auto Show, the committee publicly acknowledges the following for their generosity towards last week's auto show: City of Albany, McDonald's Restaurant at 1198 San Pablo Ave., Domino's Pizza (Solano Avenue), Rendez-vous Cafe, Golden Gate Fields, Mason-McDuffie Real Estate, PG&E, Fast Bay Towing Company, the Mechanics Bank, Grace Baking, Waste Management

of Alameda County, Artline Printing and David Arroyo, show chairman. Volunteers helping were Chamber of Commerce President Ray Grassi, Sid and Elisabeth Bell, Hal Denham, Sandy Ashley, Ray Anderson, Patt Dempster, Shirley Fudge-Mueller, Jeanetta Lewis, Bob Luoma, Charlie Burns, Don Luoma and helpers from Arroyo's auto club. And of course, the Albany police and fire departments.

Albany Pool Employee of the Month

The Albany Pool employee of the month for July is Dorena Wilkenson, a recent graduate of Albany High School. Having done an excellent job transitioning into a new role at the pool, she was selected for taking the Red Cross Lifeguarding and Water Safety course and seeing to the well-being of the patrons. For a long time she wanted to teach classes and since becoming a water safety instructor, she has done a wonderful job.

Police

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A bicycle was stolen from an unlocked garage on the 2600 block of Vista between Aug. 5 and 6. Someone stole tool boxes from a storage closet of an apartment building on the 1000 block of Lexington on July 23. A key on a chain found in the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot was turned in to ECPD property on Aug. 10. An '84 Cabriolet convertible was top slashed and property was out of it when parked at the El Cerrito Plaza on Aug. 10, between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Between Aug. 9 and 10, on the 1000 block of Lexington, someone tried to break into a Toyota Camry parked in the door of a Toyota Camry. An attempt, unsuccessfully, to break into the vehicle. On the 2000 block of Lexington, between Aug. 13 and 14, a pickup was broken into and a case stolen. There were three cases of domestic violence. Someone dumped 30 tires on

the south side of Rob's Automotive on the 10100 block of El Cerrito between Aug. 11 and 12.

- A mountain bike was stolen from an unlocked garage on 5600 block of Jordan Avenue on Aug. 12 at 5:30 p.m.

- On July 31 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., someone crawled through an open bathroom window of a residence on the 900 block of Contra Costa Drive and stole a VCR from the living room.

- On Aug. 15 at 3:30 a.m., an Antioch man was pulled over on San Pablo and Wenk and found to be in possession of methamphetamine.

- On Aug. 13, someone found a bike on the 500 block of Lexington and turned into ECPD property. A bicycle was stolen from an open garage on the 200 block of Colusa between Aug. 11 and 12. Someone stole three bicycles from the backyard of a residence on the 1600 block of Elm Street between December, 1996 and March, 1997.

- An '81 Cutlass was stolen on

Aug. 13 from the 700 block of Potrero Avenue. An '85 Nissan Sentra was stolen on Aug. 9 from the 2300 block of Tulare at 11 p.m.

- On Aug. 8 at 10:45 p.m., on the corner of Lincoln and Everett, an African American male between the age of 18 and 22, around six feet tall and wearing black pants and a black and yellow ski jacket, ripped the back pocket off the pants of an El Cerrito man, thereby stealing his wallet.

- While parked on Gill and Peerless between Aug. 8 and 10, the wheels and tires of an '84 Honda Civic were stolen.

- Someone entered an auto body shop on the 11800 block of San Pablo and stole two air grinders on Aug. 14 between 12:45 a.m. and 1 p.m.

- A Hispanic woman around age 50, hired to clean a house on the 1200 block of Liberty Street, was reported to have stolen silver and jewelry on Aug. 7.

- Three rocks were thrown at the windshield of a Toyota Corolla

parked on the 1700 block of Eastshore Blvd. on Aug. 11 at 3 p.m.

- Between July 29 and Aug. 12, an unknown suspect broke into a residence on the 2500 block of Carquinez Avenue. The suspect stole 4 backpacks, some underwear, ate food and possibly slept at the residence.

- There were seven reports of

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tempted to steal his black '96 Volkswagen by breaking a window. The suspect was last seen fleeing in a gold GMC truck.

- On Aug. 15 a man who lives on the landfill came to the police station to report that thieves had stolen some of his property at his campsite. There were no witnesses.

- At the request of the Police Chief the following list has been changed to more accurately report on the types of civil and domestic calls Albany officers respond to:

drunk driving:

- A Richmond man was pulled over on San Pablo between Manila and Blake on Aug. 3 at 8:15 p.m. A Pinole man was pulled over on San Pablo and Cutting on Aug. 6 at 1:09 a.m. A Kensington man was pulled over on San Pablo and Central on Aug. 8 at 11:50 p.m. A Pinole man was pulled over on Aug. 4 at 11:19 p.m. on Blake and Lexington. A

Eureka woman was pulled over on San Pablo and Cutting on Aug. 10 at 2:45 a.m. A Richmond man was pulled over on San Pablo and El Dorado on Aug. 8 at 6:58 p.m.

- On Aug. 9 at 2:32 a.m., a Richmond man was pulled over on Central and San Luis and found to be driving under the influence and in possession of a concealed, loaded firearm.

During the week of Aug. 10 officers fingerprinted four people at their request, towed one car, responded to 24 false alarms, attended to seven lost or deceased animals, assisted two people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to four reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers intervened in six domestic disputes, 15 civil disturbances and 24 civil assists.

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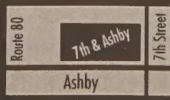
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Jepson could be on the way to a pennant

The name *Jepson* conjures up baseball metaphors, as in: *Jepson's a switch-hitter, or Jepson can sure pull off that double play.*

I equate Jepson with baseball because, as the sports editor of this newspaper (when I wear another kind of cap), and as a stringer for the Associated Press, I have occasion to visit baseball clubhouses.

One day, while waiting for a Cleveland pitcher to emerge from the shower, I happened to gaze upon the "spread" — the after-game buffet — in the Indians' clubhouse. Lo and behold, there were a couple of bottles of Jepson wine sitting there.

It was the first time I'd ever seen a bottle of wine in a major league clubhouse.

While we waited for that hurler to come out, Indians pitcher Orel Hersheiser appeared and began to pour himself a paper cup of wine. I interceded and suggested that he try the Sauvignon Blanc.

Hersheiser did, said he liked it and then began a 10-minute conversation about wine. He's a collector and he asked me what wine he should order at the tony Postrio that night.

"If the 1996 *Jepson Viognier* is on the list, order it," although I said, "it might be a bit pricey."

Considering to whom I was speaking, I immediately said to millionaire Orel Hersheiser, "but you can probably afford it."

He said he didn't know anything about Viognier and thanked me for my suggestion. It's the first time a pro athlete ever thanked me for anything.

I hope Hersheiser was able to obtain a bottle of Jepson's Viognier, because it's one of the California Viogniers that comes closest to what this fast-rising varietal should be.

I had the opportunity to taste the wine again last Friday when I visited the tiny property — which also doubles as a distillery, hence



Alan Goldfarb

Kurt Lorenzi at Jepson says the California wine industry is 'in the furniture business now' because of obsessive use of oak.

the "switch-hitter" metaphor — three miles north of Hopland.

Alas, you probably won't be able to obtain a bottle of winemaker Kurt Lorenzi's first effort with the varietal at Jepson, because he made only 95 cases. But, as they used to say about my beloved Brooklyn Dodgers, "wait 'til next year."

Lorenzi plans to produce about 1,500 cases with this coming harvest. That's still not a whole hell of a lot of wine, but if the '97 is anything resembling its predecessor, go out of your way to find it.

The '96 is viscous, rich, elegant and it's gorgeous. Mercifully, it has no oak. Viognier (Vee UN yay), from the northern Rhone region of France, is characterized by its perfumed bouquet of lychee, cloves and peaches. It is meant to be consumed young (within two years of harvest) and is not meant to be vinted with any wood.

At a Viognier symposium a few years ago, one winemaker whom I respect, vowed that he'd never use oak in his Viognier. Two years later, there's oak in his Viognier.

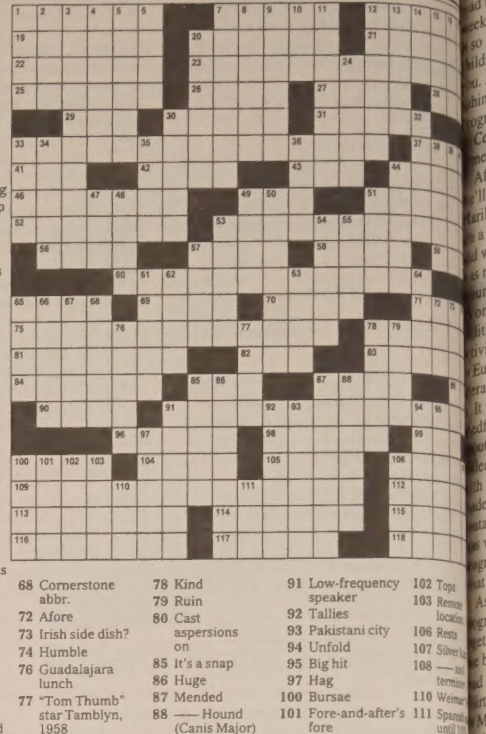
It's as if California vintners can't keep their hands off oak. They did it with Sauvignon Blanc, almost destroying its popularity because all the varietal character of that wine had been stripped, rendering it too sweet and

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Albany pre-Stroll Pasta Fest

The Solano Stroll wouldn't be complete without the Albany Commerce Pasta Fest on Stroll Eve. The Royal Cafe, 811 S. Ave., is again the site of the ninth annual event, set this year for 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13.

The cost is \$12.50 for a great dinner and a fun tradition that includes pasta and capon breast dinner. Beer and wine, as well as no hostess will be available. Tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, 1108 Solano Ave. at the Royal Cafe, or by flagging down a chamber board director. Details: 525-1771.

Reduce, reuse, resell

Registration is underway for El Cerrito's eighth annual citywide sale, scheduled this year for Oct. 4. The event, sponsored by a recycling center, attracts hundreds of weekend bargain hunters navigate about town with the help of city-provided lists of participating households. The intent is to eliminate the clutter found in most garbage put useable items back into service.

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A simple way to reach and nurture today's kids — read to them

■ In Brief

Such a simple thing to do. Just read to a couple of children a week. That's just pure fun. But it is so much more than that to the children, to their families—and to the community. And that is the premise behind the Read-Aloud Volunteer program which Marilyn Nye, an El Cerrito resident, has started in one of the Richmond schools. After years of teaching—and talking more about that later—Marilyn retired. But, she says, "I am a very high energy person, and I wanted something to do that was really special," so she looked for something she could do on a volunteer level. In addition, of course, to her summer activity, taking groups of teachers and parents to study children's literature.

She was a good friend from Medford, Oregon, who told her about a wonderful program there called the Smart Reader Program, and the slogan, "Start making a difference today." (SMART) She contacted the Oregon People and was very impressed with their program. "It seemed to be just what I was looking for."

As we said, it is a simple program, bringing volunteers together with children on a one-to-one basis. The volunteers just go to the child for 1/2 an hour, 15 minutes by one volunteer Monday and 30 minutes by another on Wednesday. It is done during the school day and is considered part of their reading program. The volunteer reads to the children, separately, one to one, for 1/2 hour each. Nye

selects the book, and the teacher selects the child. The volunteer has all the fun. She or he just reads.

We all know the importance to a child of being read to. We really don't need the quotes from the brochure Marilyn has provided, such as: "Reading aloud to children improves their listening, verbal and written skills and fosters a lifetime love of books and reading," or "Reading books aloud can provide a support for language acquisition of English-as-a-second language students."

The children are all K to 3 grades. Usually kindergarten, first or second.

Marilyn Nye started her program in one school: Downer Elementary School in Richmond. She started with just a few volunteers in September of last year. By the time school actually started she had 35, and by the time the year ended she had more people than she could use. But that is fine. She plans to open a second program in Cesar Chavez school this year, and hopes to have 500 children in 10 schools before long. (she also hopes to have a volunteer coordinator, also, to take some of the administration of the program off of her shoulders.)

"The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children."

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In addition to being read to by a reader twice a week, each child receives two new books a month to supplement or to start a personal library and to share with siblings. Also, the brochure notes, although the prime purpose of the program is to interest children in reading, many children soon participate in the actual reading, thus leading to improvement in their reading skills.

Nye has shared with me some of the responses from the teachers, such as: "Fantastic benefits with regard to English Language Development, self-esteem, problem solving and getting quality literature into the homes of our children," and "More focused during whole group and small group reading. They go on their own to choose and sit and read books. They are very excited about going. Their faces light up." plus "...The readers are so pleasant when they come into my room. They have a lovely way with the children," and more, much more.

So meet Marilyn Nye. Born in Bangor, Maine, she moved to California at 15, went to college for two years, married, had three children and went back to university at 44, earning a degree in education from San Francisco State. Her youngest was starting kindergarten when she was ready to teach. She started teaching in the Marin School in Albany. During the six years she taught their she earned her Masters and was 2/3 of the way through her Doctorate. "My husband, John,

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



was very supportive." When she received her doctorate she was hired to teach at Cal State Hayward, where she became the chair of teacher education. She moved to children's literature, leaving administration, and taught five different courses in children's lit. Five years ago she went half time, and a year ago she retired.

As with every good program, money is a must. And if she hopes to expand the program she must do some fund raising. She says the Mechanics Banks has already been helping. She has started a foundation, and the non-profit status is pending.

Marilyn says the response from everyone has been wonderful. The great thing, of course, is to see the children so excited, and the readers, too, become excited. She tells us the readers come in all ages, some are retired, of course, but there are others who come to the school during their lunch hour to volunteer.

She is putting together a board to help find volunteers (and money).

She goes back to her overseas program in children's literature,

which she started 14 years ago. Most of the people who join her are teachers, librarians, or retired. Wherever they go they visit the homes of writers (The Grimms, Hans Christian Anderson, etc.) Many people go year after year. And each year they take a mascot. One year it was Pippi Longstocking, next year it will be Pinocchio.

Marilyn Nye is anxious to hear from anyone interested in the Read-Aloud Volunteer Program. Prior teaching is not necessary — a love for books is! She may be reached by telephone or fax at 510-233-111879, or emailed at MarilynNye@aol.com.

Thank you, Margaret May (one of the first volunteers) for suggesting Marilyn Nye. What a great program! And I invite all of you to give me your input: interesting people, events, organizations, programs, travel, etc.

Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, 94706 or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.

Mind-body exercise

This month a Contra Costa County television show will broadcast a program on chi gung, China's ancient mind-body exercise system that is catching on among Bay Area senior citizens. CCTV will air the show, "Senior Information Journal," on Aug. 26 at 6 p.m., and each Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Chi gung is a gentle exercise technique that is easy for beginners and people who are out of shape, and it may be done in a seated position for those who have trouble standing.

Viewers of the program will learn techniques from a chi gung master and a research scientist who has compiled findings on the benefits of chi gung.

CCTV channels vary by cable company, so viewers can get information about locating the show by calling 313-1720.

Home energy assistance

The Home Energy Assistance Program is a federally funded program that helps low-income households pay their energy bill.

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Also ask about the Weatherization Program which provides free weatherization services to income-eligible households.

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Information write to the Contra Costa Humane Society at P.O. Box 1355, Lafayette, CA 94549. Ilona Robinson, Humane Education Director, Contra Costa Humane Society

More problems with mail

Editor: We would like to respond to Mrs. Riley-Huff's letter re the poor quality of postal

service in Albany. We have lived in Albany for about 15 years, and have experienced all of the problems they have referred to. Receiving other people's mail sometimes from blocks away, other people receiving our mail, mail never arriving though the sender confirms that they sent it (this happened recently; a new credit card mailed to me never arrived and had to be cancelled), mail arriving late, mail being delivered at erratic, often late hours.

But we would like to add

another experience they omitted; requests for vacation holding of mail are rarely carried out, or not carried out as directed. In fact, I am currently picking up mail for our neighbor across the street who requested a vacation hold. We always notify each other of our vacations to serve as backup if the post office — as is happening as I write this — fails to carry out the hold. When we go on vacation, I give the hold request directly to the Albany Post Office branch manager and ask him to personally oversee that it

happens, yet quite often it still does not get carried out correctly. I've heard him admonish the carriers, and it does not seem to help.

We don't know what the solution is, or why it is so difficult for the Albany Post Office to carry out its task correctly; we have never lived in a town with such consistently poor postal service. We certainly wish the city of Albany would get its mail service functioning properly.

Name withheld by request

Plaza

Continued from page 2 parking spillover into the neighborhood.

It is disturbing to have competent traffic consultants so ready to cave in to political and developer interests when it comes to environmental impacts. Do they consider this to be less important than the safety of structures, and fear not getting another public agency contract if they tell the truth?

I have known the consulting firm's founders for 30 years. I

visited them recently to voice my concerns.

These issues should be argued publicly. It is shameful for professionals to hide behind the skirts of politicians and city bureaucrats. Neighborhoods must be protected. This is just one of dozens of very questionable calculations and assumptions in the Final El Cerrito Plaza EIR document. Must residents go to court, against their own city, to have their concerns heard?

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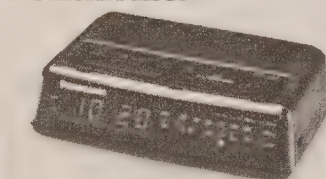


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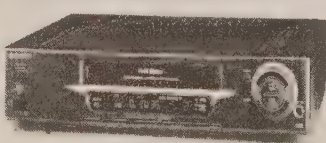
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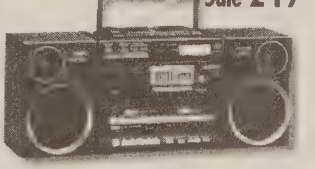
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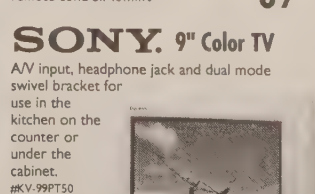


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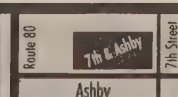
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'Luck was with me'

Seeing Is Believing: Hi. It's great to see you again — and I mean that literally.

First, let me thank you for your letters, e-mails and phone messages wishing me a speedy recovery. You have no idea how much they meant.

I have to admit, I was a little scared going in. I had a detached retina in my other eye two years ago, but this one was more serious. I spent some fitful nights thinking about how much my sight really means to me, and how much I'd hate to lose it.

More than anyone I know, I live through my eyes. My two favorite things are reading and writing, and I spent the night before the operation leafing through my beloved books and wondering if I'd always be able to read them.

Fortunately, luck was with me, and the luckiest thing of all was being operated on by Dr. Scott Lee. If, God forbid, you ever have a retina problem of your own, make your doctor refer you to Dr. Lee. This guy is simply the best, and he really cares about his patients, too.

I was lucky to have an ophthalmologist like Dr. Richard Litwin, who spotted the detachment right away and rushed me off to Dr. Lee.

I was also lucky to have the surgery at Alta Bates. I make no comment on the ongoing dispute between the hospital and the people who live in the surrounding neighborhood, but speaking from a patient's viewpoint, I received wonderful treatment from the moment I checked in.

(Only one quibble: the food stinks. There was a time when it wasn't so bad, but now they've outsourced the concession to Lufthansa, so what you get is airline food — coach class, at that.)

And I'm lucky to have friends like Debby Walton and Jacqueline Lynaugh, and a nephew like Marshall Platt, who schlepped and shopped for me, since I was basically confined to bed.

But most, of all, I'm lucky to have a sister like my sister Ginger, the most loving sister in the whole world. Even though she's a year younger, she's always taken care of me like a younger brother ever since we were little kids.

And this time was no exception. She flew up from Los Angeles and took care of me, filling my refrigerator with my favorite dish — spaghetti made from our mother's legendary spaghetti sauce recipe.

The only downside is that I am quickly turning into a fat tub of goo. But once Dr. Lee says it's OK for me to start working out again, that should soon go away.

As for my eyesight, the retina remains attached, but I still have some distortion. It's like looking at the world through a Tule fog. Dr. Lee says there's a 1/3 chance it'll get better, a 1/3 chance it'll get worse, and a 1/3 chance it'll stay the same. Only time will tell. In the meantime, I'm adopting a new motto that I remember from my high school French class: "Au royaume des aveugles, les borgnes sont rois." Translation: "In the kingdom of the blind, the one-eyed are king."

By the way, while I was waiting in Dr. Lee's office I struck up a conversation with another one of his patients, a young man from El Cerrito named Will Balcolm. Will is only 17 years old, but he has a detached retina, too — even worse than mine.

Hardly seems fair, does it? I mean, that's much too young to have to deal with something this serious. But Will showed a remarkable absence of self-pity.

The reason I'm telling you this is that even at his tender age, Will has already made a name for himself as a singer on the local Rhythm & Blues scene. (He goes by the stage name of "Young Will.") So after he recovers from his surgery, make sure you catch him the next time he appears, OK? You can be I'll be there.

And as long as I'm giving plugs, here's one for Stu Etstein of Albany, who works as a technician in Dr. Litwin's office.

But that's just his day job. His real gig is as a member of the Arizmendi Collective, that spin-off of the Cheese Board Bakery that finally opened on upper Lakeshore last week.

Here in the East Bay we're blessed with more good bakeries than I can count, including Grace, Metropolis, Semifreddi's, and the Microsoft of local bakeries, Acme.

But my favorite one of all is the Cheese Board. I've sung its praises over and over again, but the only drag is that Oakland residents have to drive all the way into Berkeley.

Not any longer. After months and months of being jerked around by the city bureaucracy, Arizmendi (or, if you prefer, "son of Cheese Board") has finally opened its doors. If you live near the Grand Lake area, check it out. I especially recommend the Suburban Bread (the best French country bread I've ever tasted outside France) and the Sunday Bread (raisins and walnuts and cinnamon — oh my!)

Enjoy!

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Brusatori

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After the Oct. 20, 1991 Oakland hills fire, residents began to think seriously about fire abatement and it was then that Brusatori helped form the Citizens for El Cerrito 2000, which had as its goal raising \$200,000, some of which would serve as seed money to pay for more firefighters and some of which would go toward fire abatement in the Hillside Natural Area. They also had their sites set on chiseling away at deferred maintenance on the Public Safety Building.

With Brusatori as co-chair, Citizens for El Cerrito 2000 raised almost half of its goal sum, \$90,000, through a grassroots volunteer campaign, selling t-shirts, sending out letters, and applying for grants. The \$90,000 went toward cleaning up the Hillside Natural Area.

"So that is how I was first baptized into community grassroot efforts," Brusatori said.

Redevelopment

About the Redevelopment Agency's current progress, Brusatori said, "We can only do better."

At the Aug. 4 city council meeting, the final Environmental Impact Report was approved despite citizens' protests over insufficient time to review its final supplement, a response to citizens' initial EIR comments. "Providing citizens three days to look over such a weighty document is not ideal," said Brusatori.

Brusatori can't go anywhere without people urging her to move forward with the Plaza process; however, she said, the process is long. Because the Plaza is so vital to El Cerrito, people want its redevelopment to move forward; and for the same reason, people want to take the time to do it right the first time.

Several citizens asked the city council to wait on approving the Plaza site plan, keeping it open to some last minute fine tuning. Brusatori was the only council member who abstained from approving the Plaza site plan; all other council members voted to approve it. While she did not want to vote against the plan, indicating it was flawed, Brusatori said she wanted citizens to feel they were allowed to get it right the first time.

"Probably most people in El Cerrito are so busy with their work and personal lives, they cannot come to the council meetings. But if someone takes the time to attend a city council meeting, we need to factor in their opinion," said Brusatori.

And though emotions often run high in the city council chambers, Brusatori stressed the importance of separating out what's being said from how it is said.

Despite some setbacks, she said, the Agency is making some small strides.

She would like, however, to see the Agency pay their debt of around \$250,000 to the city by next fiscal year.

About the Del Norte process, Brusatori is optimistic that El Cerrito can find a project all its citizens can get behind. "The will and interest of the community is there," Brusatori said.

"Something like 2/3 of the people who take BART from Del Norte are not from El Cerrito. I would love to see an international newsstand, a barber, a drycleaner, a brew pub and perhaps a child care center. Just basic services. If we could get those people to stop and spend \$5, \$10 a day," said Brusatori.

Four months ago, several citizens called for a review of Redevelopment finances. Councilwoman Gina Brusatori and Councilwoman Jane Bartke volunteered to do a preliminary review. They have completed a breakdown of the Target project, but the have not made the results public. "I'm pleased," said Brusatori. "I think we have done a good job."

When asked what she thought about the Prince of Wales plan, Brusatori said she likes it a lot and thinks it is an excellent basis on which to begin a discussion on the revision of the General Plan.

About the New Urbanist contention that El Cerrito could get developers to bend to its will, a contention made by urban planners invited by the Prince of Wales Institute, Brusatori said, "in the past we have been more reactive than proactive."

When developers look at a community, she said, they look at how affluent, young and educated the community is. El Cerrito does well on education and pretty well on affluence, depending on where the developer draws his or her sample circle.

"We just need to tell them how to draw that circle," said Brusatori.

Seniors are much less likely to drive to Corte Madera, Brusatori said. So while developers might initially see El Cerrito's senior population as a drawback, El Cerrito needs to show them its advantage.

Budget deficit

In his budget address, the City Manager said, if things keep going as they are, after the 1998-99 fiscal year the City will have exhausted its reserves and will start running \$1 million a year in the red.

Brusatori believes that before El Cerrito can tackle its looming deficit, the city government must acknowledge what it learned from Measure H.

In 1996, the city council created the neighbor to neighbor task force to come up with a recommendation for a Measure H parcel tax to cover the fire budget and free up those funds for other services. Brusatori was a member of the neighbor to neighbor taskforce; she was not yet appointed to the council.

After much task force toil, the council at that time took the task force's recommendation of \$75 and without explanation increased it to \$125. Measure H thereby lost community support and was defeated at the polls. "What we learned there is process is paramount," said Brusatori.

Eventually, Brusatori said, in order to dig ourselves out of this impending structural deficit, the city will need another ballot measure. However, we are no where near it, she said. "We need to regain the community's trust," she said, "and do our homework."

As for televising the city council meetings, Brusatori said, if the city can afford it, it's worth it. A survey found 15 percent of the citizens relied on the televised meetings to get their information on the council.

Demolish

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up with 31 portables, all connected with a decking and ramping system.

In the Manual Arts Building, a former metal shop has been converted to a physical education facility, including a weight room and P.E. storage. The principal's office and an administrative work area are also located in the Manual Arts Building.

Many parents at the meeting expressed concern over the aesthetic effect of the fence around the high school, saying it will make kids feel like they are in a prison. Although the administration said equipment stored in portables needed to be protected from burglary, they also said they would think of various ways to mitigate the "prison effect."

Food Service will be provided at the high school, the food being served under the bridge, between the shop building and the little theater (although the bridge will be

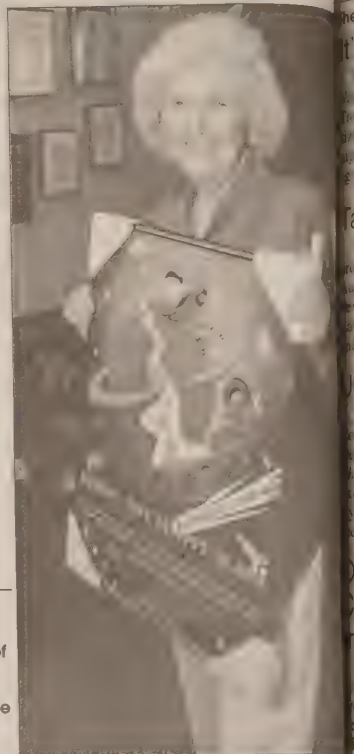


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Beaming up to Planet Solano

Solano Avenue earthlings kicked off street fair season with an intergalactic costume party at Mechanics Bank in Albany on August 14. Anticipating this year's Solano Stroll, whose theme is "Planet Solano," Berkeley Chamber of Commerce space cadets 'Captain' Miriam Ng and 'Lieutenant' Rachel Rupert dressed up as vulcans complete with pointy ears, while Stroll coordinator Lisa Bullwinkle donned her shiny gold Queen Veenstra cape, first worn for a friend's B-grade science fiction film. Full-scale invasion of Solano Avenue takes place Sept. 14, when aliens are invited to come as they are in their own dimension. No men in black are anticipated at the parade, but watch out — Space Cop (Berkeley Councilmember) Diane Woolley wields a mean light saber.

Above, Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean, displaying her antennae, is flanked by 'Vulcans' Rachel Rupert and Miriam Ng of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce at the annual Stroll kickoff last week. Right, Albany Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Fern Luoma displays the official Stroll poster, unveiled Friday.



Abelson

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cessibility Award.

She has served on three local PTAs. She is vice president of Albany/El Cerrito Access and can be seen frequently at Planning Commission hearings and City Council/Redevelopment meetings, pointing out accessibility shortcomings in future plans and in existing infrastructure.

Under the charge of Abelson, Albany/El Cerrito Access has helped El Cerrito receive grants for curb cuts and for implementing the ADA transition plan.

Redevelopment

"I am concerned with preserving life in the Del Norte area and maintaining the Del Norte BART station as a transit center," said Abelson. The proposed and defeated megatheater would have interfered greatly with BART's transit operations, said Abelson, who maintains the proposal was a completely inappropriate use of the land. If one is building a transit-based development, why build something people won't use transit to come to, she asked.

Abelson likes the idea generated by students of the Prince of Wales's Institute of putting Del Norte parking on the west side, across San Pablo. That way cars going to Del Norte would not clog up San Pablo Avenue, she said, and transit patrons would most likely get to the station more quickly.

As for the Plaza, Abelson said she is in favor of the current plan, especially the street grid and the accommodation of pedestrians. She also supports the creek restoration and town square. However, she is con-

cerned about what will happen to the current Plaza retailers during the interim. "The redevelopment cannot be done as a 'slash-and-burn' job. It needs to be done so that life goes on for those there, to as great an extent as possible," said Abelson.

Abelson keeps her money in El Cerrito by shopping locally. Her concern for Plaza merchants, she said, is largely selfish. "I want to keep shopping there."

Another main priority for Abelson is the city's park system, which she says is in a state of disrepair. Play structures do not meet either safety or ADA standards, said Abelson, adding that she would make that a priority if elected.

Deficit budget

Although Abelson didn't know the details of the city's looming deficit, she was firm in saying, "We absolutely have to balance the budget." She sees the Plaza redevelopment as a major component in closing the city's service revenue gap.

Revitalizing San Pablo is a priority, she said, pointing to inspiring improvements made by El Cerrito Lumber, Tradeway, and Pastime Hardware. She suggested the city council create an incentive program for business owners to renovate.

Abelson doesn't see adding a parcel tax to the ballot as a viable alternative. The two-thirds voter approval, she said, would make a tax nearly impossible to pass.

Council/citizen relations

Abelson sees herself as the candidate who can help the city's many different elements work together.

She thinks healing needs to occur between residents and the city ad-

ministration. "We need to be each other, because we are for the same reason."

No one had wanted to see the AC Transit Accessibility Advisory Committee at the time it came its chair, said Abelson, order to heal old wounds. She met with "all these people" one and demonstrated I can work with each and every one of them.

"In El Cerrito," Abelson is not one faction against another. There are lots of differences with overlapping concerns and feelings."

Abelson is a self-proclaimed believer in the Brown Act, saying in doubt, follow the Brown Act. "You're working for them out there. You're not any one of them. You have to listen and find out what the problems are."

In August the city council development agency passed the Final Environmental Impact and the final Plaza site plan. Citizens' complaints that it only took three days to look at a section of the document.

"I would have postponed it," Abelson. "Even if there's a problem, says you have to, morally, have given the citizens quality."

Three other factors qualified the job, said Abelson. She is bringing underrepresented into community processes. She has MBA and experience on finance investment committees, she has number-crunching skills. And she has an established relationship with the city staff, having worked closely with them on many accessibility projects.

torn down). The administration didn't have much to say about what students will do when it rains. Other than a few overhangs, the administration said there unfortunately is little to do except deal with that issue when it comes.

Assembly Bill 1418, which declares Albany High School a "hardship" case and thus eligible for retrofit funds, passed through the assembly committee and will arrive at the Senate Education Committee this week.

Asked what the school board will do if the legislation fails, school board President Marsha Skinner said a petition declaring students un-housed, with 10 percent of the high school parents' signatures, will also prompt the State to grant the District emergency funding.

Other AUSD projects

On the Middle School, workers broke ground late last week. The Ford dealership removed cars from a lot

previously blocking construction. The total cost of the Middle School project, said Hudson, will be around \$100 million, including site acquisition costs.

At Cornell, a seismic retrofit roofing project entered the first of three phases. The current phase, around \$100,000, meant tearing off the roof, replacing and securing the roof's perimeter with anchors.

Next summer, the second phase will begin. The second floor, adding floor and wall attachments, will be completed, adding wall attachments to the second floor. The project had to be phased due to the alternate housing for Cornell students, said Hudson.

Over the years, due to faulty craftsmanship, the School multipurpose room floor had buckled and was becoming both a hazard and a nuisance. The floor is now being poured.

Arts & Letters

East Bay Events



The Shotgun Players present Free Theater in the Park.

Shakespeare, in the park for free

The Shotgun Players' touring production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* comes to John Hinkle Park Aug. 23, 24, 30 and 31. The theater group places live actors alongside a variety of life-sized, hand, rod and marionette puppets to bring out the surreal, nightmarish lunacy of Shakespeare's comedy for audiences of all ages. For more information call 716-9082.

Take time to join in the joy of singing

Now is the time to joining the Contra Costa Chorale, which is preparing for the Haydn oratorio *The Creation*. Rehearsals begin Aug. 25 at the Hillside Community Church, 1422 Navellier St. Performances will be given Nov. 15 in Kensington and Nov. 16 in Lafayette. There are no "formal" auditions, just come to a rehearsal and sing along. For more information call 527-2026.

UC Berkeley presents Arabic Poetry

The Cultural and Visual Resource Division of the International Council for Women in the Arts, with the University of California departments of The Center for Middle Eastern Studies presents *Arabic Poetry: Form and Vision*. The exhibition will take place Aug. 26 through Sept. 19 at the Worth Center Gallery at 116 Kroeber Hall on the UC Berkeley campus. A reception for the artists will be held on Aug. 26 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Outdoor Cinema Mania

This Saturday the date for the premiere of the *Pyramid Festival* in the Pyramide Brewery Alehouse. Working lot at 14th and Gilman Street. The festival is for six weeks, this Saturday features *Kong* and *feature from the Back Lagoon*. A costume



Pyramid president Sandy Monblat (left), MC Rich Perez and marketing director Brian Marin.

SF Mime Troupe's latest is worth seeing

San Francisco Mime Troupe presents: *Killing Time* at Cedar Rose Park, Berkeley, Saturday, Aug. 23 and Sunday, Aug. 24. Free! Political Theatre in the park! Shows start at 2 p.m., with live band music beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Wanda Sabir

Killing Time could be billed as an update on the political climate in California and beyond — as any-weights Bill Gates, Donald Trump, Charles Hurwitz, Bill Clinton, even Henry Kissinger, show up at the corporate "Boys Club" called, Bohemian Grove. Laughs aside, *Killing Time* is a San Francisco Mime Troupe salute to deceased environmentalists, Judi Bari, and her struggle to save California timberland. Troupe-teammates Joan Holden, Gregory R. Tate, and Kate Humley have character. "David, the activist," goes door-to-door on collecting donations for an anti First Rally, as an authentic mime about the same, Sept. 14. But that's okay, right? SF Mime Troupe fans care about redwood forests, homeless vets, and college drop-outs who can't find jobs with benefits. *Killing Time*, a little less than 90 minutes long, features great music and superb live music, that's keeping with SF Mime Troupe's

35-year history — even the guy changing the sets does so with style. The theme's not as memorable as last years spoof on fast food and aliens, but the current show's definitely worth a Saturday or Sunday afternoon outing to the park.

Killing Time offers a microscopic, almost clinical view of the white corporate mentality with a Mime Troupe twist.

The scenes that depict the "bad guys," that is, two, five, seven, and eight, are much more interesting and entertaining than the ones featuring actress Verlina Brown's "Margaret," a.k.a., the Gulf War Veteran. Margaret, though interesting, is more proselytizing than pitiful. Her song *Some Most All* moved me even less than her 10-point program, which sounded like the Black Panther Program, without the bite. The trouble with Margaret is that she's a little too smart for "a person with nothing to lose." Why does she care so much about her fellow Americans? She's got a little too much constructive time to kill.

Margaret's polar opposite, corporate downsizer king, actor Ed Holmes' "Jack Belch" is a study in business acumen, mixed with heaping spoonfuls of capital gains and a capsule of glycerine nitrate. The guy's constantly pounding his chest to keep his heart going, being the world's top grossing CEO has taken a lot out of him. As Belch searches for a successor,

Dreaming with Finn Taylor

One-on-one with local filmmaker
By Tiller Russell

In the high tide of summer schlockbusters, *Dream with the Fishes* roared onto the scene like a Mustang Fastback past a swarm of Suburbans. Amid the rash of big guns and bad lines, up popped an indie flick with brains, balls and heart.

And, damn, was it refreshing.

In case you haven't seen it (and if not, you'd better hot-foot it to the Elmwood theater before its run is over), *Dream* chronicles the road-tripping, acid-popping, fantasy-fulfilling last weeks of an unlikely duo. Terry (David Arquette) is a mopey, pathetic voyeur drifting towards suicide; Nick (Brad Hunt) is a sultry, sassy lunatic sprinting towards the grave. Together, they're hell-bent on one last hurrah before the death knell tolls.

This film has the embarrassing familiarity of a high school year book and the punch of a bad trip. For some of us, it's like looking into the mirror and being slapped by your reflection.

Only buck-toothed reality is as harrowing and hilarious as this. And that's exactly what Berkeley filmmaker Finn Taylor used as his springboard.

After toiling in the trenches of L.A. as a screenwriter for eight years, Taylor emerged with a script too personal for the studios. He'd already seen his first screenplay (*Pontiac Moon*) butchered by a big budget and a bad cast. So, he put down his pen, picked up a crew and shot the film in the Bay Area for just over a million bucks.

Dream rocked audiences at Sundance and took off on a successful national run.



Screenwriter, director Finn Taylor at work on his latest film.

At the Juice Bar Collective in North Berkeley, Taylor discussed dreams, fishes and making movies in Hollywood North:

BV: Let's start with a biggie.

FT: All right, give it to me.

BV: I understand this film is drawn from experiences in your own life. And from what I've read you fall much more on the Terry side of

trast between us. We moved to New Orleans and he would make friends with people in the live sex acts and bring them back to the house for tea and cookies. So I was more the Terry person in that equation, though I was never quite as f*****d up as Terry (laughs).

BV: It's significant that

Terry is a voyeur, not only because it shows how abstracted and passive he is, but also because we as an audience are

watching him watch other people. So, you get voyeurism squared or something.

FT: Yeah, yeah, yeah! Voyeurism is a classic theme in filmmaking, because it is the perfect medium to express it. But the whole reason I made him a literal voyeur, is because ... well, I always had him as kind of a detached, distant, inhibited guy. But, once Jeff Brown (who

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the equation than on the Nick side, is that true?

FT: Well, at that point in my life, yeah. Hopefully not quite so much anymore. Obviously, I exaggerated Terry a little bit for the purposes of the film. But, I would describe myself as an inhibited guy. I was never a sexual voyeur, but I was a voyeur in the sense that I'm a writer. And I would follow this guy around and watch him do these wild things I would never do in a million years. There was that kind of con-

trast between us. We moved to New Orleans and he would make friends with people in the live sex acts and bring them back to the house for tea and cookies. So I was more the Terry person in that equation, though I was never quite as f*****d up as Terry (laughs).

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Charles Brown: A Living Legend

By Carol Egan

All communities have their share of outstanding citizens and unique personalities. Berkeley is definitely no exception. But often the talent right in our own backyard goes unrecognized. For many years this was the case with Charles Brown, a living legend among musicians. Brown, who will turn 75 on Sept. 13, is finally receiving the recognition he so justly deserves.

One week after his birthday next month, Brown makes a special appearance at the White House where he will receive a National Endowment of the Arts Heritage Fellowship Award from President Clinton. That ceremony will be followed on September 28 with a performance at the Smithsonian's prestigious Baird Auditorium, venue for many great jazz artists of our time. Back at home, Brown will be honored by "A Tribute to Charles Brown," presented by the San Francisco Jazz Festival at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland on Nov. 2.

Though the honors and awards are more frequent now, there were many years when Brown's talent went unrecognized. Following the phenomenal success of hits such as *Driftin' Blues*, *Trouble Blues*, and *Merry Christmas Baby*, recorded between 1945 and 1956, Brown's career suffered its share of ups and downs. The birth of rock and roll effectively killed the soft, jazzy R&B style for which he had become known.

Like many entertainers, Brown became a victim of circumstances. Occasionally the results were positive, as for example, the time in 1989 when Bonnie Raitt "discovered" Brown at the Vine Street Grill in Hollywood.

"Leonard Feather (jazz writer and critic) gave me a big write-up in the LA Times. Bonnie Raitt came in and listened to me play. When I sang love songs, she said, 'Oh, Charles!'" Brown recalls.

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Shakespeare Festival goes back to basics

"Midsummer night" a clear rendition

By Phyllis Lyon

Way back in 1991, the Berkeley Shakespeare Festival changed its name to California Shakespeare Festival, left its heavy home in John Hinkle Park and leapt over the hills to a spectacular outdoor theater in Orinda. They christened the new venue with an off-the-wall *A Midsummer Night's Dream* staged with MTV glitz and an atmosphere which owed more to Bram Stoker than Shakespeare.

Six seasons later, the festival goes back to basics in their new production of Shakespeare's happiest and most popular comedy, with fluid staging, uninterrupted action and actors speaking the lines at a clear clip. The 1997 *Dream*, directed by Kenneth Kellcher, lets the poetry do the talking and work its magic to create a charming airborne fantasy.

The play is set in the early 19th century in an Athens already in ruins and moves to a forest glade suggested by dappled lighting. Costume designer Eliza Chugg carries out the theme with Jane Austen Empire dresses, red and gold-braid uniforms, bright and silky fairies and player-workmen in the homespun suits of their trade.

At court, Duke Theseus (Michael Morgan) is about to marry Hippolyta, a militant Queen of the Amazons, played with swordswinging fervor by Kay

Kostopoulos. Setting the plot-ball rolling, Egeus (Ron Evans) beseeches Theseus to command his daughter, Hermia, to marry Demetrius (who is beloved by Helena, Hermia's chum) and to forget Lysander, her designated true love. Theseus agrees, telling Hermia to "fit your fancies to your father's will" or "prepare to die."

So Hermia and Lysander elope into the woods, a favorite Shakespearean site for supernatural shenanigans, followed by royal Demetrius and Helena, Melanic Hermian, playing the dark, heighthallenged Hermit, and Lisa A. Porter, as the tall, blonde Helena, make a spirited team spitting over who stole whose man. In lookalike roles as the boyfriends, Michael Polak plays Lysander and Shawn Galloway, Demetrius.

Meanwhile, true love is not running smooth among the mischievous fairies known to flit among tree tops on summer nights. Oberon, the fairy king sinuously played by the beautiful Peter J. Macon, and his queen Titania (the equally lovely Michelle Morain) are on the midst of their own domestic tiff. The object of their contention, the changeling boy Robin Goodfellow, is played more surlily pun than impish Puck by a spike-haired Jonathan Haugen in the play's only offkey note.

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Margaret (Velina Brown) plants herself on Jacob's couch (Michael Oosterom) in 'Killing Time.'

SF Mime Troupe band member, Derrick Phillips' percussion is always right on cue when Belch's heart threatens to fail him.

Actor, Michael Oosterom's "veteran temp," "Jacob" says at the age of 27, "...If I'm never going to do something great — at least let me do something with benefits." This desire seems rea-

sonable, especially after his roommates, Albert, Nat, and Cynthia sing a delightful number titled, *Roomies*, then leave him stuck with their share of the rent. The quondam Jacob later finds himself in when faced with the job opportunity of his life creates the

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co-wrote the story) suggested that one of the fantasies should be looking at people through binoculars. But I thought that instead of one of the fantasies that should be Terry's whole thing. Because Nick is so immersed in life, you know? What would be the exact opposite of that? A literal voyeur. That's the main reason I chose that: because it's the perfect polar opposite of Nick's life-force. And it just gave room to express things visually. Like when Mary's image melds with his, it's kind of the beginning of a transition where he merges with the observed. He's becoming part of the things he's been watching. And it seemed like a good way to describe simply this complex relationship.

BV: Let's turn to Nick. He has two very clear sides to him. You have the really cruel side and the very loving side, and throughout the film those two sides become progressively more intertwined.

FT: Truthfully, this is a kind of a non-sexual love story between two men. And even though there's a lot of dark humor that will appeal to cynical people (and I think that's part of the reason it plays great in Manhattan), there is this core. You start out with these two guys who are fiery opposites and who are screwing with one another. And in a lot of ways, men's friendships are expressed that way: through competition and conning each other and whatnot. That's how these guys express themselves. But in the hoops they put each other through, they end up caring a lot about each other.

There's a part of the movie that I really like and I wasn't sure if people were going to get it in an earlier version. It's where Terry is talking to Nick, and you think Nick is conning Terry all the time, but then you sort of realize in a way Terry is conning Nick as well. It puts them on an equal standing, and they get to deeper layers there. I always liked that scene. You know, so much of our time in movies is spent on explosions and stuff that you kind of abandon the real emotions in relationships. And I think that's something people really respond to: the emotional core.

BV: What's interesting to me is that the whole film seems to be about the confluence of opposites, the merging of the two characters and the way they, in some sense, trade identities.

FT: I wanted there to be a transition happening. And although I love dark humor, I feel that a lot of films, not out of original choice, but out of trying to repeat something, lose their substance. For example, I love Coen Brothers films. But a lot of people try to repeat that in a less skillful

way, so that the tongue ends up so perpetually in cheek that there is never any conclusion. And I wanted to say something. The experience that I had is that this guy's life force was passed on to me. And that's where the arcs cross. As Nick becomes weaker and Terry becomes more proactive, Nick lives on through what he passes on to Terry. And it always makes for great dramatic tension when you have two people who are opposites. And this was true for me in my life, too.

There was a point in my life where I was suicidal and this guy who was full of life didn't have his health. And, I had all my health and I was going to end it. There was just something ironic about that.

BV: Sticking with the duality theme, there's a fantastic mix of comedy and drama in the film. You deal with some very serious issues like death, messed-up families and friends and euthanasia, but you keep the audience laughing throughout. How did you strike that balance?

FT: Well, to me, humor is a really important element in film. There's this famous scene in this old film, *Sullivan's Travels*, where this guy wants to make a deep film about the pain of the common man. Well, he is wrongly accused of something and ends up in a prison camp. And, after days of hard labor, they get to see an old comedy and they're laughing like crazy. And, the guy realizes that, well, this is what he has to offer. And while I really wanted the film to be about something, it's kind of all for naught, if it's not entertaining at the same time.

I don't want to have too lofty ideas about what movies are — they're entertainment. And for me, the best kind of humor is the kind that's interlarded with drama, because it feels like the most real humor. So, that was always a goal of mine, and I try to do that in all my writing. If I can't, then it's probably something I'm not interested in.

BV: What about the choice of location. The whole thing is shot in the Bay Area. What prompted that?

FT: It seems to me a lot of independent films take place in either Los Angeles or New York. And, I grew up here, so I knew the wide range of locations it had to offer. Plus, I honestly knew a lot of people here, and I could pull some favors and be able to afford to do it. But again, *Harold and Maude* was shot here. And I loved that. I remember when I was a little kid and I was visiting my cousins on Homer Street in Palo Alto, where I spent a lot of time growing up. And around the corner, they were shooting *Harold and Maude* in a little church, and it made a big impression on me. But, also after having been a screen-

writer in Hollywood for so many years, I wanted to come here and make it out of the shadow of Hollywood on my own.

BV: Tell me more about your transformation from LA screenwriter to independent filmmaker?

FT: After I'd finished the script, I was looking at a couple of different directors. Some studios were interested, because several big name actors were interested in playing the Nick role. But I started seeing them choose actors that I thought were wrong. It was kind of a repeat of the *Pontiac Moon* experience, which wasn't a pleasant one for me. So, I decided to direct it on my own.

I was actually hiking in the Berkeley hills, listening to the radio. And it's funny — my friend that this is based on liked really bad music. His favorite musicians were Billy Joel and Meat Loaf. Anyway, I was walking along and his favorite Billy Joel song came on, and then I switched channels and they were actually interviewing Meat Loaf. And, the next cut they played was his favorite Meatloaf song. So, I thought that was a sign I should direct it on my own. I already had the actors interested, and getting the money came within a couple of months. So, I did it. It was physically exhausting, but I actually felt pretty prepared. Because when you write a screenplay, it's your job to see the whole film shot by shot in your head before you write it down. So that really helps a lot. And surrounding yourself with good people, helps too.

BV: What is it about Berkeley, that makes it a Mecca for L.A. expatriots and filmmakers?

FT: Well, I think it's certainly nice to be out of L.A. I have fond memories and good associations with the liberal, renegade spirit here. And it's certainly informed by more things than just film. In L.A., you have this stilted universe where everything is about film. And it's kind of claustrophobic because there aren't other things influencing you. But here, I can go hear a poetry reading once in a while or go down to the Fifth String and jam playing bluegrass on my mandolin. Just do different things to shake me up.

BV: What next?

FT: I'm writing a script that I'd like to shoot in the Bay Area next spring. I'm getting a lot of other offers, which I'm turning down for the most part. And that's probably what I'm going to keep doing, and just do this film on my own again.

BV: Are you going to give us a sneak preview of that?

FT: All I can say is that it has some Hitchcockian elements to it. It's definitely got some strange, unique characters again and a unique milieu.

Two Can Toucan



Children's entertainer Lori Moitie (left) and Lamont Helms of Emeryville sang an adaptation of McDonald's Children's Fairytale. Fairytale's first-ever nighttime circus is on Saturday, Aug. 23, 6 to 9 p.m. The \$6 per-person Fare covers admittance to the park on the shores of Lake Merritt, unlimited free rides and face-painting.

Dream

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To provide low hilarity to the general and further mix up the love triangles, a troop of "rude mechanicals" comes into the woods to rehearse their plays.

After the juices of the magic flower, "love-in-idleness," has been applied to wrong eyes causing a temporary mixed-up mismatch of lovers, the dancers reassemble with their rightful mates and all is forgiven. Fairies evaporate at sunrise and humans ad-

Festival players bring their *Dream* to a boffo finish with the performance of the ensemble - within - an - ensembles play

journal to a brilliant court where, "with pomp, with triumph and with revealing" ordained by Theseus, they celebrate three marriages.

Festival players bring their *Dream* to a boffo finish with the performance of the ensemble-within-an-ensembles play. Outragously decked out. Bottom, as Pyramus, and Quince, as Prologue, are Donned by Snug, the joiner (LaKeith Hoskin) as a cowardly lion; Flute, the bellows mender

(Remi Sandri) as a dainty Thisby; Snout, the tinker (Andy Murray), as the chinked Wall; and Starveling, the tailor (Lynne Soffer), as a timid Moonshine, for a raucously entertaining ending to what was, after all, only a dream.

Mime

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strongest tension in the play. Set Designer, Cimarra's redwood trees and seven are gorgeous while costume Designer, Keito Shimizu, camp t-shirts lend a festive touch to the scenario. Musical Director, Bruce Barthol's lyrics reappear alive in the Charles Hurwitz Greenspan, and Jack Belcher's production of *We Own It*, sung by Liberty Ellman, Amos Glas, Ed Holmes. They're a great And the *Some Most All* (Rogers) a duet featuring Jacob and M. ret, while an activist reads the point program, is a delightful conclusion to the play.

Killing Time asks the question: What ends will a person go to a job with benefits? The answer is intriguing.



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Ongoing
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Capoeira with Mestra Ra: Monday 7 - 8 p.m.; Wednesday 4 - 5:15 p.m.; through Aug. 27; Capoeira is a combination of acrobatic dance, martial arts and indigenous music, 12 summer sessions for children ages 7 - 12; Now Sweat Aerobic Dance Studio, 1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley, 528-1958; \$7 - \$9.

Martial Arts for Kids: 5:45 - 6:45, Saturday through Thursday; instruction in aiki-jujitsu for ages 5 - 14, \$31 uniform; Sennin foundation center for Japanese Cultural Arts, 10323 El Cerrito, El Cerrito; 526-7518.

Hill of Health — A hands-on community health education museum and space center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center.

"This is Your Heart!" An interactive exhibit on heart health; Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 549-1564.

Museum of Children's Art: The Museum of Children's Art is a museum where any child has access to viewing, creating and exhibiting art. The MOCHA exhibits art created by children locally, nationally and internationally. The art studio allows them the opportunity to create art in workshops, camps, field trips or on their own.

Classes

Upcoming
 Richmond Art Center; registration

is now open for over fifty classes and workshops for adults, children and teens in a variety of visual media. Classes begin Sept. 8. Register in person Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Saturday noon - 4 p.m., or by mail, 2540 Barret Ave., Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, 94804; \$5 discount on registration received by Sept. 2.

Ongoing
One Torah: The Depth, Breadth and Beauty of Our Tradition: 5:30 - 8:30; through Aug. 24; the 5th Annual Berkeley Beit Midrash Summer Torah Study for Adults, an exciting, user-friendly way to study the Sacred Texts, with Rabi Yolles, Rabi Cohen, Rabi Finkelman, Jody Rosenblatt-Feld, David Henkin and Ron Reissberg; Congregation Beth Israel, 1630 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 864-5863; Elza; \$90 (no one turned away for lack of funds).

Vista Community College
 Travel Industry Career Training
 Aug. 25; Introduction to Travel Industry Reference Materials

Aug. 26; Domestic and International Air
 Aug. 27; The World: Background for Tourism

International Business Training Series
 Aug. 27; Survey of International Business

Computer, Office Technology
 Aug. 21; a series of classes, two year associate degree, and one-year occupational certificate programs, most classes held mornings, evenings and Saturdays to accommodate people who work.

Aug. 25; Business/Office Technology orientation
 Class fee is \$13 per unit; 841-8860 for more information.

Fall Computer Literacy Classes: City of Berkeley's Young Adult Project is now taking registration for computer classes, open to students, adults and senior citizens who are interested in learning basic computer hardware, software and systems. Classes begin in September, with priority for registration given to South and West Berkeley residents; Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Services Center, 1730 Oregon St., Berkeley; 644-6226.

Ongoing
Health, Fitness & Community Education: classes open to all in salsa, flamenco, ballroom, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, modern jazz, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido karate, self-defense, fitness boxing, and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370; \$7 - \$10 drop in fees.

Salsa Lessons: 7 - 8 p.m., beginners, 8 - 9 p.m., intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; \$7 for one, \$12 for both lessons.

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Community Events

Aug. 21
Bar-B-Que: 5:30 - 7 p.m.; new Berkeley Chamber of Commerce Member Mixer, hosted by the Berkeley Fire Fighters Association, meet members of the Board of Directors, new members, long time members, and everyone in between, hearty refreshments and a no host bar; Berkeley Yacht Club, 1 Seawall Dr.

Aug. 23
Justice in Action Conference: 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.; current controversies over the increase of police shootings in Sonoma County and California's use of the death penalty will be the focus of this year's ACLU-NC Annual Conference; Sonoma State University, Stevenson Hall, Sonoma; (415) 621-2493; (707) 887-7187; \$35

Cajun Festival: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; music by Motor Dude Zydeco, California Cajun Orchestra, Zydeco Flames and The Lariats; food and drink by New Orleans Catering, Humes Brewing Co. (organic beer), and Pacific Coast Brewing Co.; dance lessons by Pattie Whitehurst; Berkeley Farmers' Market, Center Street at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

Aug. 25
Homeschool Information Evening: 7 - 9 p.m.; Live Oak Park Recreation Center, Shattuck Avenue at Berryman, Berkeley; 548-4861 or 528-6510

Aug. 26
A.S.A.P.: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.; Access to Software for All People invites you to join them for their 2nd Annual Summer Open House to partake in refreshments, a program and awards; 271 C Fourth St., Berkeley; rsvp 540-7457.

Upcoming
PediatricCare assists children and families who are coping with life-threatening illness and loss. Volunteer recruiting begins Sept. 6. Volunteers make home visits and facilitate support groups for children and their families who are coping with these challenges. 208-3535

Ongoing
Buy Coffee, Rescue Animals: Mocha Lisa Espresso Bar and Cafe will donate \$1 per pound of coffee purchased to Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation through December; Vinyards Shopping Center, Willows Shopping Center in Concord; College Avenue at Alcatraz, Berkeley; 825-7724.

Cars for a Cure: help children and adults suffering from devastating digestive diseases by donating your used car, truck or motorhome to the Crohn's and Colitis foundation of America, Inc. (Greater Bay Area Chapter). Receive a valuable tax deduction and free towing and/or pickup. All proceeds directly benefit programs, services and research to find a cure; (415) 578-6590 or 1-800-3-AUTO-77.

Fifty-Plus Fitness Association: 8:45 a.m.; second Sunday of each month; three mile walk/run, wear good running or walking shoes, all levels of ability are welcome, coffee meeting at a nearby restaurant afterward; Tilden Park, Inspiration Point; 530-2790.

Volunteers needed: Crisis support Services of Alameda County, formerly Suicide Prevention, receives nearly 50,000 calls per year and the need for motivated, committed people to serve the 24-hour crisis lines is constant. No prior experience required, training provided; 848-1515.

Seeking Volunteers: Help East Bay children who face loss and serious illness within their families. PediatricCare volunteers make home visits and facilitate support groups for children and their families who are coping with these challenges; 32 hour training begins Sept. 6; 208-3535.

Friends of Marija Foundation: asking to help bring a documentary film about the life and work of the late archaeologist Marija Gimbutas, one of the most influential and controversial women of this century; Reclaiming "Friends of Marija Project" P.O. Box 410187, San Francisco, 94141-0187.

Class of 77 Reunion: El Cerrito High class of 77 is looking for you. Aug. 30 is the 20 year reunion date for the ECHS class of 77. If you, or someone you know, graduated in 1977 and did not receive an invitation please phone Lisa Hamala or Mark Canepa at 525-3266.

Song Contest: Chief Operator Teen Driving Program, teens are urged to write their own Traffic Safety Song for prizes, fame, and public education; Chief Operator Program, c/o Albany Police Dept., 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, 94706 Deadline is Oct. 15.

Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Car program, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center
 Aug. 21; 11 a.m.; Travel: Jackie Hetman presents slides of Sicily.

Aug. 28; 11 a.m.; Health: Jan Stecher leads in Rosen Movement techniques. Great Books: Discussion of E. M. Forster's A Room With a View. Eleanor Wharton asks that the reading be done before class.

Call for the regular weekly schedule. Arlington Community Church, 52

Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.
North Berkeley Senior Center
 Aug. 21; 1 p.m.; TV Internet with Dorothy Miao
 Aug. 22; Smithsonian Exhibit in San Jose; \$10.50
 Aug. 22; 1 p.m.; video opera; "La Forza Del Destino"

Aug. 25; 1 p.m.; Stroke Prevention discussion with Judy Anderson, R.N.
 Aug. 26; 1 p.m.; blood pressure check; 11:30 p.m.; breast & prostate cancer information with Matilene butcher

Aug. 27; 1 p.m.; popular piano music with Joel Drucker
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1901 Hearst at Martin Luther King Jr. Way; 644-6107.

Exhibits
 Aug. 21
ACCI Pottery 2nds Sale: 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; (Sunday noon - 5 p.m.) through Aug. 25; ceramics, jewelry, glass for sale, thousands of items by 30 artists; 1652 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley; 843-2527.

Aug. 26
Rhythm & Form: through Sept. 19; Visual Reflections on Arabic Poetry presented by the Cultural and Visual Resource Division of the International Council for Women in the Arts; the UC Departments of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, the Department of Art Practice and the Department of Anthropology; Worth Ryder Gallery, 116 Kroeber Hall, UC-Berkeley.

Extended
Watercolor California: through Sept. 1; more than 200 paintings by 12 artists, including El Cerrito artist Charlotte Britton; Jack London Village, Alice and Embarcadero, Oakland; 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. daily.

Ongoing
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The Maven was horrified, and saddened by the news that this short-lived (four months) beautiful Spanish restaurant, with gorgeously authentic food, went belly up. It seems the owners put all their money in the decor and had nothing left over. What a shame. It's a loss to the community ...

Dennis Berkowitz, the pastrami maven, has at last given something to our community and opened his 18th Max's — Max's Diner — in Oakland's City Center in the space once occupied by Gertrude's. Max's will only be open 'til 8 p.m. during the week. Come on Dennis, keep it open on weekends and later at night. I promise we won't bite (only those huge sandwiches) ...

Another addition, Nava, in the space once occupied by the short-lived Gaucho and an even shorter-lived crepe place, will open Friday on College, south of Citron. Pronounced NAH va (after a woman "very dear") to one of the two owners Pierre Charbel, will be a dinner house, serving food from all over the board — French, Mediterranean, California and Southwestern, daily. Nava's chef comes from the California Culinary Academy, while Charbel has done stints at Chateaubriand in San Ramon and Anton et Michele in Carmel, among others ...

Also on College, the Pasta Shop in Market Hall, is celebrating the foods of France with hand-made cheeses by Robert Rouzaire, who's from outside Paris; Cognac vinegar from Hediard's, pate de fruits Carmels Charentes, and nut oils from Jean LeBlanc ...

There will be a benefit — Gourmet Expectations — at the Berkeley City Club Sept. 28 to support home care and hospice for terminally ill patients served by the Visiting Nurse Assoc. and Hospice of Northern California. Tickets are \$75 for food from the area's restaurants, wines, and micro brews. Call 450-8795 for more info ...

The Jewish Food Festival, celebrating the fourth day of Sukkot, will feature the cornucopia of the harvest season Oct. 19 with the Bay Area's best baked goods, New York-style deli from the lower East Side, Middle Eastern cuisine, Sephardic food, European delights, and Chinese kosher foods from India and Cochiti. Sponsored by the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, the festival is conceived and chaired by Michael Rose, co-owner of Berkeley's Semifreddi's Bakery. For more info and tix, call 848-0237 ...

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Brown

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Later Raitt, calling him "Mr. R & B," invited Brown to join her as opening number on a national tour. She had recently won several Grammys and had fans across the country. "When I went on the tour with her, I was very successful. She had fans that had never heard of me." At other times in his career, Brown wasn't so fortunate. Such was the case in the late '50s when he became involved with some gangsters who ran a casino in Newport, Ky. Held hostage by their threats, Brown had to decline an offer by Dinah Washington to open a show in Chicago with her in 1961. When the Kennedy Administration finally busted the gang, he was free to leave.

Born Sept. 13, 1922 in Texas City, 14 miles south of Galveston, Brown's mother died when he was just 6 months old and he was raised by his maternal grandparents. His grandmother was the choir director for the local church and encouraged him to sing and play the piano and organ from an early age. However, both his guardians

felt very strongly about education and insisted that he go to college. Following their wishes, Brown entered Prairie View A&M College where he majored in mathematics and chemistry.

"When she (his grandmother) died in 1941, I was so saddened, I didn't want to live. I was a sophomore in college at the time. My grandfather worked very hard to give me an education. He worked on dredge boats. I realized how much it meant to him for me to finish school," Brown recalls.

Brown completed his four years at college, spending much of the time playing piano with the college band.

Most of Brown's piano training had been in classical music. His grandmother had saved enough money for him to study with Janice Felder, an excellent teacher in Dixon, Texas. "My grandmother loved the music of Fats Waller and Alec Templeton (from England). She went to the

music store and bought the sheet music for some of her favorite songs and asked Janice to teach me how to play them. When I went to college, I had the opportunity to work with the band, and the band director showed me how to solo."

Following his graduation in 1942, Brown accepted a teaching

position at George Washington Carver High School in Baytown, Texas. He soon realized that the pay, \$90 a month, was too low to sustain him and applied instead for a position with the government. Passing a chemistry test, he was accepted and assumed his first assignment in Pine Bluff, Ark. where he worked on mustard gas at the chemical warfare arsenal.

One day he went to lunch and upon returning was told that his partner had been injured in an explosion. Soon after, Brown received a transfer to the Western Research Laboratory in Berkeley. However, when he arrived he was informed that the job had already been filled.

A series of non-musical jobs followed until, after moving to Los Angeles and taking a job as an elevator operator at a downtown department store, he saw an ad for amateur night at the

Lincoln Theatre. "I thought to myself, 'Maybe I can win \$25.'"

That was the beginning of Brown's long career in music.

Hired to play at a local restaurant, he was soon discovered by Johnny Moore who invited him to join his trio, The Three Blazers, as pianist. Moore's brother, Oscar, played guitar for Nat King Cole, and Moore was interested in

achieving the kind of success Cole had. The only problem was, he didn't sing. So he asked Charles Brown if, in addition to playing piano, he could sing, too.

Soon thereafter the Three Blazers recorded Driftin' Blues, which reached No. 2 on the R&B charts. They went on to have great success in clubs and through their recordings. In 1948, following a disagreement over money, Charles Brown left Johnny Moore and the Three Blazers and struck out on his own. At first he had even greater success with his own group, which included guests and opening acts such as Etta James, Ruth Brown, Floyd Dixon and Ray Charles.

When the popularity of Rock and Roll overtook R&B, Brown's career went rapidly downhill. By the 1970s he was struggling, finding jobs as a window-washer and janitor. But he never stopped practicing the piano. Ten years ago, guitarist Danny Caron, who knew of Brown's whereabouts, brought him back to music. Hoping to work with the legendary Brown, Caron wrote out charts and served as

manager for the aging musician. He found gigs worthy of Brown's talents, where the audience was more interested in the music than the social scene. Thanks to Caron, Brown was able to resume his career and become "reborn."

Local fans will have a chance to hear Charles Brown and his group (Danny Caron on tenor saxophone, Cliff Lomon, Ruth Davies, Deszon Claiborne on drums) Saturday when they share the stage with Faye Carol and Kito G. at the First Congregational Church, located at Post and Son Streets in San Francisco, which begins at 8 p.m. as part of the AFRO SOLO taking place this week.

For more permanent record, several CDs are available including the more recent Blues, (Verve), All My Life Just a Lucky So-and-So (Rounder). For a glimpse of the past, Driftin' Blues, the Charles Brown, part of the Blues Series, is highly recommended.

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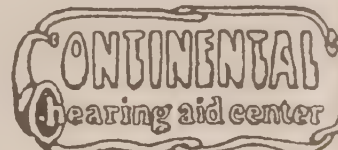
ousine service is available to St. Paul's Towers residents for shopping, medical appointments and planned trips to interesting destinations throughout the Bay Area. Among the trips scheduled during July were visits to the John Muir House in Martinez, Half Moon Bay, the Western Railway Museum in Suisun City, Larkspur Landing, Angel Island and the Montclair and Rockridge shopping districts.

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Diliberto

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He visited city hall and found that, according to statisticians, the study was "fallacious." A long preamble explaining why the city needed the money preceded the questions and thereby skewed the answers. Although Diliberto said he supported the tax, he did not support the study. Soon after he argued against its validity, Diliberto said, the city dropped the study.

In 1989, Diliberto's concern over the El Cerrito Plaza sparked a conversation with a Plaza merchant, who invited him to join the Rotary Club. He did, and he has been a member ever since. He was Program Chair from '93-'94 and Club President from '94-'95.

In 1990, Diliberto joined the redevelopment subcommittee of the Project Listen 2000. From a staff report given to the subcommittee, it was clear the Redevelopment Agency was concentrating on the Plaza, not the Plaza. The staff report Listen report put the emphasis back on the Plaza.

Yet, when an elected official goes to the Rotary Club to speak

about the Project 2000 report, the Plaza was once again de-emphasized, said Diliberto. This lack of movement on Plaza revitalization, said Diliberto, is one of the main reasons for his seeking a seat on the city council.

Another reason is what he sees as the "winner takes all" philosophy on the council. "Council members are supposed to represent everybody," said Diliberto. "It's not, well, we won, and now we are going to do what we're gonna do. Even if I agreed with their decisions, this is a democracy."

Diliberto believes no one on the council/redevelopment agency, other than perhaps Gina Brusatori, has the ability to analyze numbers offered them by developers. Diliberto says his doctorate and expertise in quantitative design and analysis qualify him for this task.

For instance, when Charles Oewel, the developer of the proposed and derailed megatheater plotted for the Del Norte site, visited the Rotary Club, he said in order for the theater to break even it needed to attract 100,000 people a month. Diliberto believes the El Cerrito market is too thin for that.

"Why do they think we are going to attract 100,000 people? These questions need to be asked," said

Diliberto.

Furthermore, Diliberto didn't like the idea of tearing up the Del Norte neighborhood, especially when the Plaza is what most people want redeveloped.

On the issue of the Plaza, Diliberto thinks the "urban village" approach with shops and housing goes against the general will of the people.

His campaign literature reads "As of this moment, the voice of El Cerritos that I hear seems to be clear on the Plaza — we prefer a commercial focus, generally only arguing about whether there should be an up-scale or mass-market focus."

"If you believe in the Village-with-shops-and-housing concept, please let me know; because, so far, I have not heard much support of the idea."

And while the city attracted its chosen developer because housing is involved, said Diliberto, the bottom line is residential won't generate as much tax revenue as commercial, which is what the Project 2000 report called for — tax revenue.

And, as for whether low-end or high-end stores should occupy the Plaza, Diliberto said. A lot of people want high-end stores like on

Fourth Street in Berkeley, but I want to see numbers on why they think that would work. There are a lot of neighborhoods around with high-end markets to compete with."

Diliberto touts his ability to listen "closely to everyone, including those with whom I disagree."

He dislikes the three-minute rule. (At city council meetings each member of the public is limited to three minutes speaking time.) He thinks that while it is desirable to limit redundancy, with the three-minute rule one deters the use of reasoning, which usually takes more than three minutes.

"If I have a religion, it is absorbing criticism," said Diliberto. "You've got to go out and let your rear-end get kicked all over the place. It's part of the heat of the job."

Despite his strong feelings about representation, Diliberto doesn't think council meeting regulars are representative "in terms of sample size."

In order to get a fair representation of public opinion, Diliberto said he would consistently go around "beating the bush to find out what people want."

Asked what he thinks the redevelopment agency's financial state, Diliberto answered, "I haven't been

able to look at the books, so I am somewhat in the dark. I only hear about the projects after the fact, and do not have the opportunity to see the mechanism at work."

As for what he would do to close the impending structural deficit, Diliberto said first he would gather information and people's opinions. "I teach critical thinking, so I need the information."

While allowing that his approach may change with his awareness of public opinion, Diliberto said he personally thinks the Plaza should be incrementally developed. A Walmart could go in on a temporary basis, to jumpstart the project he said. Smaller more individualistic stores would sprout up on San Pablo between the two anchor stores, Walmart and Target, said Diliberto. Walmart could later be phased out.

Asked whether that means allowing Milton Bilak, the current owner of all the small businesses on the site as well as the Lucky property, to redevelop the Plaza, Diliberto said, "Bilak staying there seems acceptable to me. His plan protects people who already have businesses there. Developers come and go and we may be able to phase in higher-end developments."

Although Diliberto emphasizes

public opinion, he also emphasizes "hard-headed business."

"Whatever we do, we have to do in a hard-headed business fashion," said Diliberto. "We need to look critically at the information given us, at what values the project has for the city; we need to show respect for existing businesses and protect the financial potential of the city."

Diliberto knew little about the Del Norte Marketplace project (on a plot north of FoodsCo, including Pep Boys, 21,865 square feet, Staples, 24,000 square feet, and Walgreens, 13,905 square feet). He was not aware of the Del Norte Community Planning Process. When he heard what was included in the Del Norte Marketplace project, he said, "I at least want to see the books."

About the Prince of Wales's Institute he asked, "With all these outdoor plazas, did they consider the weather? There's a lot of cool wind in El Cerrito." He added, "They said there was no there there (in El Cerrito). Maybe they just don't like our there. A lot of people think there is a there and like that there." He is not as interested, he said, in what outside people want to do with El Cerrito, maintaining there are enough intelligent people here to figure out what to do.

SENIOR LIVING

High Cholesterol? If You're Over 70, You May Not Have To Worry

proteins (HDL—the "good" type of cholesterol) in people over the age of 70 do not seem to be risk factors for CHD mortality. This is despite the fact that hypercholesterolemia is prevalent in the elderly and heart disease is the leading cause of death in this age group.

Those over 70 should be concerned about their saturated fat intake? Some experts feel that if an individual in this age group has no other apparent risks for heart disease, screening and treatment for high cholesterol levels may not be appropriate.

Furthermore, a growing number in the scientific community have questioned whether the current recommendations of limiting egg yolks to four per week and dietary cholesterol to 300 milligrams per day are appropriate for the population as a whole.

Healthy individuals in an age group should be more concerned about their saturated fat and total fat intake than the amount of dietary cholesterol consumed each day," said C. Wayne Callaway, M.D., a specialist in metabolism and nutrition at George Washington University. A diet

high in saturated fat may block the clearance of cholesterol from the bloodstream, promoting artery-clogging cholesterol deposits.

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Remember, one of the best

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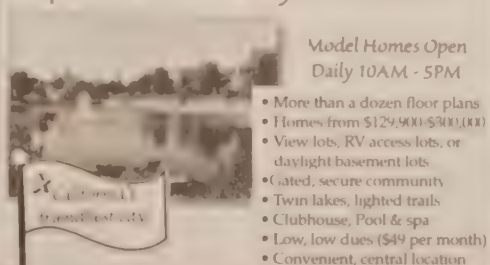
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Bahadosigh's blast breaks Kiwanis' BYB hopes

By Scott Strain

Berkeley Youth Baseball Jr. Bantam Playoffs 1st Round
Urban League 17
Kiwanis 2

With one swing of the bat, Ryan Bahadosigh turned the game around for his Bay Area Urban League teammates. Bahadosigh crushed a first-pitch home run to lead off the bottom of the fourth inning Tuesday. The blow only tied the game at 1-1 against Kiwanis, but the floodgates opened and Urban scored seven more runs in the inning en route to a 17-2 victory in the first round of the Berkeley Youth Baseball Junior Bantam Division playoffs at San Pablo Park.

Urban will play Fresh Blend Thursday at 3 p.m. also at San Pablo. Fresh Blend defeated Zonta, 10-8, in the other playoff Tuesday at San Pablo. The winner will then play in the championship game Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at San Pablo.

Up until Bahadosigh's homer Kiwanis, which had finished fourth in the division with an 2-8 record, had given Urban (9-1) more than it could handle and had even taken a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth.

Dominic Motley and Armando Caro were safe on Urban errors. Victor McGuire popped a single to left that scored Motley for the 1-0 lead. Urban pitcher Justin Real struck out Roy Bishop and Anthony Edwards to end the inning.

The lead lasted just one pitch. Bahadosigh reached out and clobbered Caro's first pitch far over the head of left fielder Anthony Davenport. Bahadosigh raced around the bases and the throw home was late.

Then Kiwanis started making errors and Urban started hitting. Real smacked a two-run single and Rick Green brought home another

run with a single. A total of eight runs scored in the inning.

Nine more runs scored in the fifth and if ever a 10-run rule was needed, it was now. But the Junior Bantams don't have one, and the game went on.

"We had to take over the game,"

'We had to take over the game. We had to come back and assert ourselves. Initially we were a little bit nervous.'

— HURLEY YOUNG, URBAN MANAGER

Urban manager Hurley Young said. "We had to come back and assert ourselves. Initially we were a little bit nervous."

Up until that point, Caro held Urban pretty much in check. He gave up three hits in as many innings and got a big double play to end the first.

With one out, Matt Roberts singled to center and Real was safe on an error by Kiwanis right fielder Dijon Jones. But Jones made up for it, throwing the ball to second baseman McGuire who threw to third baseman Ray Cole who applied the tag to a startled Roberts, which ended the inning.

"We had to make him (Caro) pitch a little bit and get him tired," Young said. "I think Ryan's hit really took a little starch out of him. That home run was hit so far and with an 11- or 12-year-old kid, that can take some of your confidence away."

"That one pitcher has a tendency to hold us back a little bit because he can throw hard and he has a



Ryan Bahadosigh, rounds second base on his way to a fourth inning home run which opened the doors for Urban in its Berkeley Youth Baseball playoff opener Tuesday.

changeup. He mixes it up and the kids don't know he is doing it. For the first two or three innings, they are so focused that they don't realize that this is the same kid that did that to us before.

"That home run did a little bit to him (Caro). After that, he went

downhill. He was never the same pitcher."

Real pitched well against Kiwanis, giving up only two hits and striking out 10 in the five innings he pitched. Rick Green came on in the sixth and gave up Caro's solo home run to right in the sixth.

"I thought I pitched well, but I think I would have been better if I had had a stronger defense," Real said. "My arm was sore because I had pitched in seven games this season. I just went out there and pitched. It was actually good be-

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2 ex-Cal gymnasts on U.S. nationals

Trent Wells and David Kruse, both 1997 Cal grads and members of the Bears NCAA championship team, each finished in the top 14 and won spots on the USA National Gymnastics team at the U.S. Gymnastics Championships last Friday in Denver.

Wells' 51,500 opening round had him in eighth place after the first day of competition and he looked to be in contention for one of the team's top six spots. A top six finish would have assured him a place on the U.S.' '97 World Gymnastics Championship squad.

However, Wells could muster only a 50,800 in the finals and finished the competition in 11th position with an overall two-day score of 102,300.

Kruse, who posted a total of 51,25 and was in 10th place following Wednesday's preliminary round, repeated his performance last Friday, finishing with the identical mark in the final round to end the competition in the same position, with an overall two-day score of 102,500.

A third Bear, junior Alex Chansky, just missed making the squad. Chansky ended the competition in 15th place with a two-day total of 101,050, only .400 behind Jamie Natalie (Wilmington, Del.) who snared the team's final spot with an overall score of 101,450. (Only the top 14 finishers were named to the national team.)

Chansky, who was in 19th place after the preliminaries, improved dramatically over his performance last Wednesday with a score of 51,250 which bested his first-round score of 49,800 by a full 1,450 points.

If the NFL would expand to China ..

Cal's Whiting would be happy defensive tackle

By John Gardella

Brandon Whiting is first-year Cal coach Tom Holmoe's ideal of a college football player.

On the field there's a sort of rude poetry to this defensive tackle's game. Despite double teams and an injured knee last year, Whiting, spun, clawed and fought his way to 41 tackles, including eight behind the line of scrimmage. Along the way he turned himself into an elite player, one who appears on most publications' preseason All-American teams.

Off the field Whiting is soft-

spoken. His academic career includes a ho-hum 3.3 GPA despite a rigorous course load. How rigorous can a jock's class schedule be? Well, he's fulfilling his language requirement in Chinese.

You just know the cerebral Holmoe, who wants players at Cal "to be champions in the classroom, in the way they act, socially, academically, in every phase of the game," eats up that language requirement.

"Brandon's a very goal-oriented young man, on and off the field," said Holmoe. "He challenges himself in the classroom. When you ask

'I thought we were going to win. The last three years have been really hard.'

— DT BRANDON WHITING

him about the kind of courses he takes, you're going to talk about Chinese and philosophy; not physical education and some of those classes that some of the other



Brandon Whiting: Can NFL and China go together?

schools really do a good job in."

Although Whiting is the cornerstone of the Bears' defense, he is rated by *The Sporting News* as the sixth best defensive lineman in college football. He is an Outland Tro-

phy candidate, and — barring jury — seems assured of a shot at the NFL.

The classroom and life after ball are never far from his thoughts. As long as we're listing accolades, The Jock appears a shoo-in for Academic All-America honors.

Whiting is majoring in interdisciplinary studies with an eye toward working in China. (Although he planned on double majoring in economics and development studies, Whiting switched because he has only four years of eligibility since he started as a true freshman.)

"I've met with some people said. "They, especially a pro named Herb Phillips, have in-

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Cal star Cherry picks his spots at New Orleans

By John Gardella

OAKLAND — Danny Wuerffel, last season's Heisman Trophy winner, stood in the New Orleans locker room after last Saturday's exhibition game against the Raiders surrounded by TV cameras and reporters. The scene outside was similar, where network crews and beat writers hovered near coach Mike Ditka on his first official visit to Oakland since returning to coaching.

And then there was Je'Rod Cherry.

Cherry, who grew up in Berkeley and starred at Berkeley High and Cal, stood across from Wuerffel, anonymously, changing into street clothes. Two years ago he led the Golden Bears in tackles and was one of three Cal defensive players chosen in the

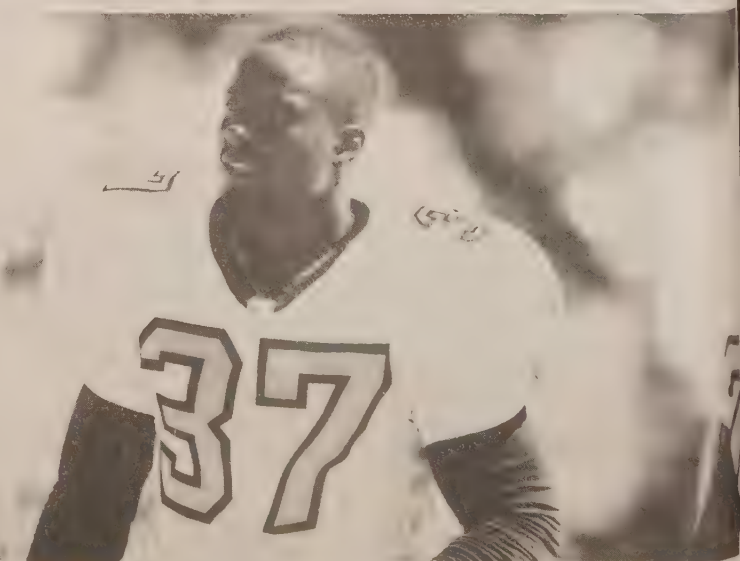
first 40 picks of the NFL draft. Saturday he didn't even have a family member visiting him after the game.

"One of my relatives was getting married today, so most of my family couldn't come," Cherry said. "It was just a preseason game, but they'll be here for the regular season." (The Saints come back to the Bay Area for real when they are at the 49ers Sept. 14, and then return to Oakland, Nov. 9.)

Second billing now

Such is the case when one goes from being a marquee name on a college football team to second billing in the NFL. Cherry has spent the majority of one-plus season with the Saints doing something he never had to do during his high school and college career — fight for playing time.

"I'm a fighter, so I won't quit,



Former Cal star Je'Rod Cherry: "I'm a fighter so I won't quit, but it's a tough transition."

but it's a tough transition (from college to the NFL)," said Cherry, "coming from being the man to where you have to work yourself back into the limelight; especially

with my situation now where I'm behind great corners. It's a long road, coming into the league and expecting to start and still not being in that position, so it's hard." Cherry

is third on the depth chart at cornerback behind Michael Washington and Alex Mink.

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San Francisco Seals face Chico in Div. 3 soccer tournament

By Julie Nachtwey

The Seals are: water mammals with big eyes that like to eat fish; rubber rings around gaskets in a car; or an exciting semi-pro soccer team based in San Francisco?

If you picked No. 3, you score. And score is what the Seals hope to do a lot of Aug. 23 at Cal's Whittier Field. The Seals are hoping to bring a national championship home to San Francisco.

"Every team is just another team that's in our way," said mid-fielder Troya Cowell, Oakland resident and former player for Cal. "We need to get there. We need to win."

The seals host the Chico Rooks at 2:30 p.m. in a playoff game for the West Division Championship of the Division Three Pro-league. Tickets are available at the gate: kids \$7, adults \$12.

"It's always a battle (against the Rooks)," said coach Tom Simpson, who has two sons who play with the Seals. "It's warfare."

Also on Saturday at 12:30

p.m., the Seals' reserve team will play Cal in an exhibition game.

"Our reserves are also quality college players," said Cowell. "The difference between the players isn't much on our roster of 26. This is another chance to show people our talent."

The Seals—a Division Three amateur team—have been raising eye-

brows by beating Division One teams, whose players receive salaries, such as the major league Wizards from Kansas City in last month's Open Cup tournament.

In an earlier tournament match, the Seals met the Division One Clash from San Jose head-on Wednesday night.

"Being amateur athletes, that's what this team is all about," said Cowell. "We're just trying to do as much as we can at the level where we are. But playing Division One teams, that's a dream we never had before."

He said all the soccer players must make sacrifices, year after year: "I might have decided to hang up my cleats a long time ago, but the team's a family. We love the game, and we love each other."

'Every team is just another team that's in our way.'

—TROYA COWELL, SEALS MID-FIELDER



Former Cal player Je'Rod Cherry walks off Oakland Coliseum field last Saturday all alone and wondering about his worth to the New Orleans Saints.

Cherry

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last season. Eric Allen, who played in the Pro Bowl in 1995, owns the right corner. So for Cherry, selected with the 40th pick last season and signed through next year, the amount of playing time he sees depends on how much he impresses the coaching staff.

Cherry's strength is versatility. He can play any position in the secondary and he excelled on special teams as a rookie. He served as a dime back in the final two games last season and finished with eight tackles, a pass deflection and a fumble recovery.

Shedd burns him

Against the Raiders, Cherry saw

time at left corner in the third quarter. On the second play of the Raiders' second series, wide receiver Kenny Shedd burned him badly, blowing by Cherry on the inside.

But Cherry received a reprieve when David Klingler overthrew his mark at the goal line. Cherry recovered nicely, breaking up a one-yard pass to Olanda Tuitt several plays later.

He recorded his third tackle of the exhibition season near the end of the quarter, stopping Joe Aska on the Saints' 23 after a three-yard pickup.

"It's going to be a long process I'm sure," Cherry said of cracking the rotation. "But it's just a matter of patience and keeping working on my skills."

Stuck in a deep secondary, Cherry

knows he'll see the majority of his playing time on special teams. As a rookie he ranked fourth on the Saints with eight tackles as a special-teamer.

Pride in special teams

"If you don't do well on special teams you can lose games like that," he said. "And since I play a very integral part (on special teams), I take pride in it, trying to be one of the best special team players on the squad."

In the meanwhile Ditka, standing in the stairwell, answered a question regarding injuries saying, "The key to success in this game are guys who are durable."

He was addressing bumps and bruises, but he could just as easily have been referring to players fighting for playing time.

1997 Cal Football Schedule

Sept. 6 at Houston 12:30 p.m.
Sept. 20 Oklahoma 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 27 USC 4 p.m.
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Nov. 1 Oregon State 12:30 p.m.*
Nov. 8 Arizona State 12:30 p.m.*
Nov. 15 at Arizona 6 p.m.*
Nov. 22 at Stanford 12:30 p.m.*

*Pac-10 Game

Emeryville class on wilderness trips offered for women

Call of the Wild Wilderness Trips will be offering a special class later this month for women who want to know more about backpacking in the great outdoors.

Call of the Wild proprietor Carole Latimer said the class will be held Aug. 26 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Sierra Designs, 1255 Powell St. in Emeryville. The cost is \$50, including a 63-page informational booklet.

The class will cover such subjects as what backpack to choose, what to pack and how to pack it, plus health and nutrition tips for life on the trail.

Contact Latimer for more information at 849-9292.

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China

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make some career decisions. I want focus on China, business and international relations between our country and theirs."

But indications are the tackle will be to put a career abroad on hold, so can play on Sundays.

"As soon as you get to be a senior

and you are a pretty good player, everybody starts to talk about the NFL," Whiting said. "I figure if I just concentrate on this season, if I play well, the NFL will take care of itself. It's something I want to do, but if it doesn't happen it won't be the end of the world. I'll still have my Cal degree."

One of Whiting's gridiron goals is to help improve a porous defense that

ranked near the bottom of NCAA last year, and to lead the Golden Bears to a winning record.

After prepping at Long Beach Poly, a school with a highly successful football program, the 6-foot-3, 280-pound Whiting has watched Cal compile a 13-21 record in his first three years. He's now working with his third coach in four seasons.

"When I came to Cal it was sup-

posed to be a program on the rise," the four-year starter said. "They went 9-3. They went to the Alamo Bowl and won big. And that's why I came here. I liked the people and liked where the program was going. I thought we were going to win. The last three years have been really hard. It's really frustrating coming from a high school where you win all the time."

Despite polls that have the Bears

near the bottom of the Pac-10, the All-American candidate said, "I think (the preseason rankings) is where we want to be. We don't want too many expectations. We'd like to sneak up on a few teams and show people we are better than they think we are."

But if that happens, Whiting, the atypical college athlete, won't talk trash ... not even in Chinese.

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use the inning after, I felt my arm sore (the second), I was throwing more heat and it went away. "I didn't want to come out. I was going faster during the game and the fifth inning I felt I was throwing the best I ever threw."

Hurley replaced Real so he could pitch on Thursday. With such a big deal, Hurley was merely buying me pitching insurance that he may need.

"They wanted to have at least three innings for me for the next playoff game," Real said. "That is, I pitch if we get into trouble. Hopefully not."

They (Kiwanis) have three or four strong kids on that team," Long said. "We just have a little more talent."

"We made a lot of errors, a lot of mental errors," Kiwanis manager Todd Walker said. "For a lot of our players, this is their first time out on the field. So just to make it to the playoffs was all right."

Urban will try to make it three games in row over Fresh Blend, which finished third in the division. Urban beat them twice in division play, 7-5 in the opener and 21-4 in the second.



Urban 1st baseman A.J. Backway, above, makes the stretch to get Kiwanis' Anthony Cole; pitcher Justin Real, left, was lifted early so he could go against Fresh Blend in semis Thursday.



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Shaping the dream

ously held together with electrician's tape.

The bathrooms were tiled primarily in pink. Each had an aluminum and ribbed-glass shower enclosure. The recreation room downstairs had acoustical tiles on the ceiling and a large bar covered with fake zebra skin.

But the price was good we all agreed. A lot of space for the money.

and floors and kitchen were different? There was so much space there. It's true that almost everything in it was something we didn't like but it all seemed to be unusually sturdy and solid.

The shiny doors, for instance, must have cost a fortune new — solid wood, not hollow. The builder hadn't done things cheaply. Presumably the entire building was

replace the lino and the egg-crate fluorescent light fixtures. Add an island in the center of the large room, hang pots from a rack, install new hardware, faucets and sink.

The fireplace could be plastered or tiled. The dining-room divider, a combination bookcase and planter with thin corner poles anchoring it to the ceiling, could be changed somehow or covered up entirely. Yes, eliminated altogether.

We were getting cautiously excited. We could see now that the house could be better, that an infusion of money and the right selection of new elements could bring the house into style. But how much money, how much time would it take?

Over the next few days, we gathered information, looked at the heating system, the foundation, talked to a residential construction estimator. The basics were as good as we assumed. The estimator figured it would be easy to spend \$100,000.

The house had grown on us all. Our clients were now saying they could move in, live with things as they were, redo parts as money and time allowed. They were surprised to find that they could feel this way, such a contrast to how they had reacted at first.

They bought the house, removed the carpeting and moved in. The floors needed little more than vacuuming. Their first purchase was going to be another stove but they kept putting it off, thinking about

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Inflation fears push rates up

On Aug. 14 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose 8 basis points from last week's average of 7.46 percent to 7.54 percent. At the end of the first week of August 1996, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 7.88 percent.

The average start-rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) rose 3 basis points to 5.56 percent from last week's average of 5.53 percent. A year ago the average start rate for the one-year ARM stood at 5.81 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinancing market, rose 7 basis points from last week's average of 7 percent. To 7.07 percent. This time last year this rate was 7.39 percent.

"News of a still-growing economy brought on inflation fears, which pushed mortgage interest rates to 7.54 percent," figures," said

Freddie Mac deputy economist Robert Van Order.

"However these fears were unfounded, making it unlikely that interest rates will rise further in the week ahead."

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We were getting cautiously excited. We could see now that the house could be better.

We were silent as we looked around us at the doors and floors and ceilings, considered the pink, yellow and gray tiles, the narrow-brick fireplace with, oddly, a small window up high on one adjacent wall but none on the other.

We retreated that day to think, and although no one said so, we didn't expect to think very seriously. The house was just too far off the mark.

No doubt our clients talked to one another about the house after we left. I know we did, although we were slow to start. For the first couple of days, we confined our remarks to an occasional reference to how unattractive we found various parts of the house. But then we got around to seeing the possibilities.

What if the windows and doors

done with quality.

We called our clients (or maybe they called us — I didn't remember which now) and we were delighted to find that we'd all been thinking and saying the same things. We immediately agreed to go back and look again.

Same bad front door. Good door, well made anyway, but ugly. That could be fixed. Same bad carpet but oak plank floors, possibly in perfect condition, underneath. Wood floors would help.

What would it cost to replace the windows, we asked one another. There were a lot of windows. And put in French doors? A deck that wraps around the back of the house?

We spent some time considering the kitchen. New stove, maybe keep the tile — retro look, you know —

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- BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED BERKELEY TOWNHOME.....\$295,000
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Charm, sunny & bright! 2BR owners unit and 2BR rental. View. Lovely & private fenced yard, newly painted. Also in-law downstairs. Could be large, 4BR house.

- CLASSIC BERKELEY BROWN SHINGLE.....\$269,000
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Victorian raised basement cottage with lush English garden! Softwood floors throughout, gorgeous wood detailing, updated kitchen with breakfast nook. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath plus formal dining. You must see this sweetheart!

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SMART MONEY

LEILA GOUGH

When the nightly news commentator reports "the market was up 24 points today," do you ever wonder what that means? Stock market indicators such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500, track daily highs and lows and can help investors gauge what the market is doing over the long term.

Each index varies slightly in the method it uses to calculate market performance. If an indicator is market-value-weighted, then companies with a larger number of shares outstanding and with higher stock prices affect the index more than the smaller companies with lower prices.

Price-weighted indexes are more affected by the movement of higher-priced shares than by lower-priced ones, no matter the number of shares outstanding.

The Dow Jones Averages

In most cases when people refer to the Dow, they are referring to the Dow Jones Industrial Average. This price-weighted average is a formula based on the stock prices of 30 major, primarily industrial companies, known as large-cap companies.

These 30 companies are chosen from various sectors that are the

Market indicators

most representative of the country's diversified economy. Coca Cola, IBM, Exxon and Merck are among the 30 component stocks in the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

The formula for calculating the average includes adding up the stocks' prices and dividing by a number less than 30 that has been adjusted to account for stock splits over the years.

Standard & Poor's 500

Because the Dow Jones is based on relatively few companies, the need arise for a broader index based on a larger number and greater variety of stocks.

First introduced to the financial industry in 1957, the S&P 500 is market-value weighted with a base of 500 common stocks: 400 industrial companies, 20 transportation companies, 40 utilities and 40 financial companies.

Since all key industries are represented in the S&P 500, this indicator is the benchmark against which many portfolio managers compare themselves.

NASDAQ Composite

This indicator is designed to reflect the moves of the NASDAQ (the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation System).

Like the market itself the NASDAQ includes more start-up companies, particularly in high technology and financial services areas. The index is market-value weighted, giving more influence to larger and higher-priced stocks.

The goal of market indicators is to measure current activity versus past market activity. They will not tell you whether the stocks in your portfolio are up or down.

However, combined with advice from an investment professional and further stock research, market indicators can assist you in gauging long-term market activity.

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Rates

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More information about Freddie Mac can be found on the company's Web site, www.freddie.com.

On July 31 the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for August payments at 4.853 percent, down slightly from the 4.864 percent that was in effect for July payments.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages.

Alameda: strategy for revival

By H. W. Moss

The historically significant island community of Alameda is putting up an aggressive fight to reverse an economic anomaly. This self-contained settlement of nearly 79,000 suffered a recent downturn even as those all around them prospered.

Now an advertising campaign, real estate incentives and plain old public relations savvy are part of a well-planned strategy to revive Alameda's once thriving business and residential markets.

Nearby Oakland and the Bay Area in general are enjoying burgeoning business growth. But the former vacation destination of wealthy turn-of-the-century San Franciscans finds itself having to make a business and financial comeback.

That's because one of the mainstays of the community, the Alameda Naval Air Base, closed for good last April. It took two years to wind down after it was targeted by the federal government's Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission but the effects of the Navy's departure are still being felt.

Businesses began to shutter

their doors as local navy personnel departed. Many of the much needed basic goods and services relocated out of the area which only added to the downward spiral. Like Vallejo

"We drew up a list of types of businesses Alameda would like to see," said Jim commercial recruiter for the area. When their clients sign a contract and remain for a specific period of time, "Real estate brokers earn an additional fee," Carter said.

At the same July 1 meeting the city council also approved a special down payment assistance plan for first time home buyers.

Similar to programs in Leandro, Emeryville and land, qualified low and moderate income buyers can obtain a mortgage up to \$100,000, with the down payment and closing costs. The loan at a low three percent interest rate which is deferred for years but the program will be operational until September.

Potential borrowers should apply through local lenders.

The island, which is the best in San Francisco Bay, has been divided into different business areas by the city's Community Development Director Dona Hoard said. Targeted areas of business development in each geographic area have been created.

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One usually expects a single building to be in the National Register of Historic Places, the whole of Park Street has earned that designation.

which had to recover from the closure of the shipyard at Mare Island, Alamedans have learned just how much they depended on the income generated by the Navy's enlisted personnel and their families.

In order to combat the trend and encourage outside businesses to re-settle there, the Alameda Chamber of Commerce and city council recently adopted an incentive plan for real estate brokers.



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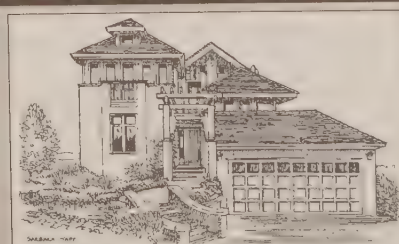
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REAL ESTATE

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When it's your move...

Cornish & Carey expands

Cornish & Carey Residential Real Estate's East Bay presence continues to grow in Alameda County as the Montclair Better Homes Realty office becomes the latest addition to the Cornish & Carey family.

Principals Phil Weingrow and Kevin Blattel and the company's other broker/owners will retain

local ownership and control while capitalizing on Cornish & Carey's reputation and marketing capability, according to the company's CEO and chairman Rodger Rickard.

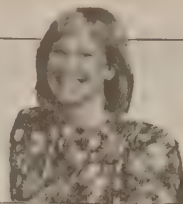
"We are very excited to be able to work with such a high quality leader in marketing and residential real estate," said Weingrow. "We're thrilled to become part of their or-

ganization."

Established in 1976 Montclair Better Homes Realty markets homes in Piedmont, Rockridge and Montclair.

With over 1,000 sales associates in 26 offices, Cornish & Carey is the largest independent real estate firm in Northern California.

MORTGAGE MADNESS



KAREN SENZIG

The 125% solution

I received a bulletin from one of my lenders the other day, addressing a subject that I think everybody has wondered about recently: How is it that more and more lenders are offering 125 to 135 percent loan-to-value (LTV) debt consolidation loans? Do they know something about an impending appreciation bounce? How and why do they offer such loans?

The information was sent by Catherine Ahlstrom, Regional Product Manager for Sente Financial Corporation, out of Sacramento, one of our many lenders providing this

product to us. The message began, "Due to continued interest in the broker community and the general public, I'd like to share a little background regarding the relatively new, somewhat misunderstood and controversial 'high LTV' (125/135 percent) mortgage industry."

Swimming in debt

Ahlstrom said that consumers in America are saddled with the largest debt loads in the history of our nation. The average household now owes over \$52,000 (in consumer debt). We now have over 1.1 tril-

lion in unsecured installment debt. Credit cards make up some \$444 billion of this total. Meeting the pentup demand for solutions to our ever-deepening debt crisis are the new high LTV home loans.

Beginning in 1995 through last year only some \$3 billion in loans were written, according to Ahlstrom. "This year it is estimated that \$8 to \$10 billion in loans will be written with no end in sight; the run in this market should continue unabated until the year 2005 (Wall Street is predicting a 200-300 billion market by 2000)," she said.

Some history

Although banks have normally insisted that borrowers have a significant equity position in their homes to borrow money, let's remember that the oldest and most successful loan program is the FHA Title One. This program began in 1938 and was developed for home improvements and allowed borrowers to leverage their homes and 'overencumber' properties with funds to improve their residences. The delinquency rate on Title One Loans have been historically very

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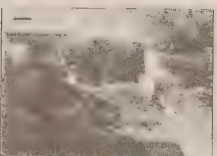


949 Cornell. Open 2-5. CLASSIC SPLIT LEVEL. Beautiful 3BR with gorgeous in-laid hwd floors freshly painted inside. Large backyard. Breakfast room with "plus" room downstairs. Close to schools & shops. BILL MCDOWELL 559-8508\$263,500



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616 VISTAMONT, Open Sun 2-4:30. More than 1/3 acre with Tilden views. Level-in, 2BR/2BA home in immaculate condition. Tricia Swift ext. 140\$369,000

1418 HENRY STREET, Open Sun. 2-4. Spacious 3BR home, big yard. Leslie Easterday ext. 134.....\$339,000

1016 WILDCAT CANYON, Open Sun. 2-4. NEW PRICE! Special setting. Private drive. This property features panoramic views overlooking Tilden Park. 4BR/2BA including master suite, double garage, huge veranda on oversized lot! Susie Schevill ext. 144\$299,000

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PAUL WINANS

Everything is always changing. Homeowners in the Bay Area for the past few years have been confounded by the changes in the housing market.

Remember the late '80s when appreciation in home prices was running about 10 to 15 percent or more a year? Our remodeling clients could fund the remodeling work we did for them with the increase in equity they were experiencing!

In the '90s that changed as the economy took a dive. Housing values were, at best, stable and in many cases actually decreased. With the changes our economy was experiencing, there were more people leaving California than entering; a phenomenon that had not occurred in the recent past.

Well, here we are again experiencing something completely different. The economy is doing better, roaring along in some areas and, for some, the housing market

Avoiding grief: a primer

is hot once again. In fact it seems there are more buyers than there are properties. A seller's market exists; it is routine to see asking prices overbid.

In these exciting times what should you, the buyer, be doing to make sure you know what you are buying? There are so many different things to which you need to pay attention. Let me try to help with a remodeler's perspective.

First of all it is very important to supplement this advice with that of other professionals, such as your real estate agent. These professionals manage many different transactions and are more aware of what to pay attention to than I.

My focus is to learn as much about the building as quickly as possible. You do not want make a discovery after escrow closes that will haunt your entire life in the building.

When you walk up to the property, set aside the excitement you might be experiencing and look at the building as objectively as possible. This will be hard to do and might require that you walk through the house once as emotionally as you like. Say things like, "The view is perfect!" or "The floors are beau-

tiful!" and so on.

The second time you walk through the house, do it as the objective, detached detective. Your goal is to discover all that you need to know about the condition of the building to make an informed, intelligent buying decision, one you will not regret after you are living in the house.

So, what should an objective, detached detective be looking for?

• **Cracks.** As you walk up to the building look for cracking or offsets in the pavement and walks. If you see cracks, ask about them. How long have they been there? Have they gotten worse? What could be the cause?

• **Ground movement.** To a greater or lesser degree, this is not uncommon around here. If you are looking at the house where the pavement is cracked, there are cracks in the foundation, there are cracks in the interior plaster and the floor feels out of whack, you might have to factor into your purchase dollars remedial foundation work. This can be quite a bit of money.

• **Basements.** The basement is a great place to spend time if you are considering buying a house because

it is the best place to see the guts. The condition of the foundation can be noted. While you are at it, look for white deposits on the concrete or on the concrete floor. These are mineral deposits left where water has evaporated and it means there is likely a problem with water during the rainy season. Ask about this.

While you're in the basement, take the time to inspect the utilities and the basic systems.

• **Utilities.** Are the water pipes a gray color with brown stains at the joints? If so, they are aged galvanized steel that is failing; complete replacement with copper water piping might be needed at some point in the next several years.

• **Electrical system.** Are there parallel strands of dark-colored wires with visible splices? If so the electrical system is probably "knob and tube," a method of wiring still in compliance with the code but not used much these days.

You might need to do a bit of work to make the system meet the code, particularly at those splices. In many instances the original installation has been modified improperly and dangerously.

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Tarpoft

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how far they'd go with the kitchen.

After a few months of living in the house, they hired a contractor to tear out the living-room ceiling, cover the fireplace, plaster over the strange window and replace the dining and living-room windows with swing-out wood casements.

The ceilings are now elegant "stepped" plaster and beautiful. They no longer look or feel low. There are new baseboards and new interior doors, all painted white. The planter-bookcase is gone and in its place is a wide plastered opening.

Charcoal-colored slate covers the raised hearth and the area around the firebox. The front is cased with a traditional look, painted wood front with mantel.

Toasty brown walls, recessed lighting, a folded-paper light fixture over the dining table and large, round-armed upholstered furniture transform these rooms.

Sisal-look, dark vanilla-colored wool carpeting has been laid in the

entry and on the inside stairs. Tactically framed black-on-white etchings hang in a row on the celadon-green entry hall walls.

By "de-detailing" the house (removing shutters, door and window trim and glass brick masonry and adding formal-looking landscaping, the owners gave the side of the house a sleek, minimalist appearance.

It's hard to believe it's the house.

There is more to do, of course. House redos seem never to end and this one was a lot to bite. These owners are tremendously talented. We loved seeing what have done and can hardly wait to see what comes next.

"Am I glad they bought the house," Anet said as we drove. "Wasn't that fun?"

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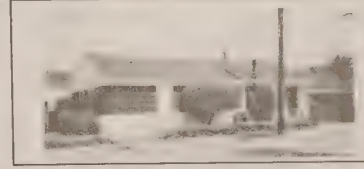
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Madness

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low, 1 to 2 percent. The new 125 programs are really too new to have a seasoned history with respect to delinquency rates but based on a 24 month run, Ahlstrom sees a pattern of delinquency running at 1.5 percent. These loans are behaving more like the 'secured' mortgages they are, opposed to unsecured credit card debt with delinquency rates that run as high as 6 to 10 percent.

Shifting debt

These 'high loan to value' 125 percent loans, although on the surface appearing riskier than traditional lending practices, are in fact causing borrowers to shift their debts from an unsecured basis to a more secured basis — collateralized against the value of their homes. People appreciate their home's value and have need to preserve a roof over their heads. This debt consolidation program allows borrowers to lower their monthly payments by amortizing this debt over a longer term and

We have placed three of these loans in the last six months and in every case our borrowers came out well ahead of the game.

possibly deducting the interest portion of these mortgage payments up to the fair market value of their homes."

"Qualifying criteria for these loans are still stringent," said Ahlstrom. "Borrowers are screened for stability in their residence and employment, good payment history on their mortgages and absence of negative credit history with respect to foreclosures or repossession."

Not for first-timers

These loans are not normal for first-time homebuyers but are solutions for the baby boomers who are settling in, not planning on moving and trying to pay off their debts.

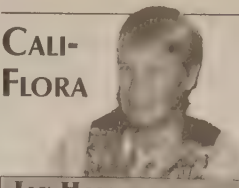
Ahlstrom's message went on to describe the loan products, rates and margins. I didn't need to be

convinced. We have placed three of these loans in the last six months and in every case our borrowers came out well ahead of the game. In all cases, our borrower's credit was excellent.

They just had too much of it and were strangling both in high credit card interest rates and payments that were often as high as 5 percent of the credit card balance per month. Their debt consolidation and reduced monthly payments gave them the breath of fresh air they so needed.

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CALI-FLORA



JAN HALL

Wow, we in the landscape business are as busy as the people in the air conditioner business. With the onslaught of summer, homeowners minds turn to keeping their gardens green and their bodies cool.

It is getting difficult to keep up with the requests for irrigation installation. I have a suggestion for those of you thinking of installing irrigation. If you are not ready or in no rush to install irrigation then think fall installation or even better winter installation. You will be able to find installers ready, willing and able to give you estimates and then do the installation in a short amount of time.

A second suggestion, if you heed the first, is to make sure the installer includes in their estimate a follow up visit to check the irrigation prior to use. I have been hearing that El Niño will be making a comeback and that means plenty of rain. If we have heavy winter rains you will not be using your newly installed system.

Now off the grass and into the garden. Each year as we add plants to the gardens around our home we look for new and different types of plants. For the last year or so the

Midsummer musings on local landscapes

plant of the garden has been salvia - and I do believe it will continue to be a favorite for quite a while to come.

If you are planting drought tolerant or low water gardens the myriad of salvias available give you a huge pallet to choose from. At a latter date I will describe different salvia, but for now I will just give some general information.

Salvia not only requires little water, smells great and takes full sun but it also is deer resistant. Due to the wide variety of salvia that will grow in the East Bay it is possible to use many salvia in the same garden without the garden looking uniform - this is a great plus for deer resistant gardens.

The colors of the salvia in our garden are gold, magenta, red, pink, yellow, blue, indigo, violet, orange, white. There are other salvias in watermelon, peach and varying shades of the colors mentioned.

Leaf size, color and texture varies from salvia to salvia. Some foliage is green, gray-green, very tomentose, large to small leaved.

Plant shape varies from a ground cover, to somewhat upright, to sprawling, to bush like. Size varies from as low as six inches to as large as six feet.

The most common form of salvia that I see in gardens is Salvia greggi. Salvia greggi can be used as a bush-like shrub to cover slopes or as a perennial by pruning to keep it open

The colors of the salvia in our garden are gold, magenta, red, pink, yellow, blue, indigo, violet, orange, white.

and upright. Flower color is usually red or pink and it blooms most of the year. In my mind Salvia greggi is the least spectacular of the salvia available.

If you are interested in using salvia in the garden you can find common forms at places like Orchard Supply Hardware and Home Depot.

If you want more exotic salvia you will have to visit a nursery like Berkeley Hort, East Bay, etc. We have found that Orchard Nursery in Lafayette carries a wide range of unusual salvia — they are not even listed in Sunset.

There is also a new book that has just been published on salvia. I have not seen it as yet, but will have by the time I write my next column and will give you my take on the text.

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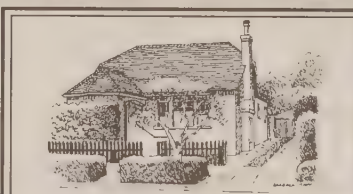
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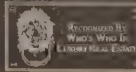
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Residential real estate encounters new tax rules

Congress has recently passed a sweeping revision of the Internal Revenue Code. Some of the most significant changes concern the tax aspects of residential real estate transactions so I would like to summarize those for you in this article.

Looking back

First, a review of the rules as they were before the change. Under the old law, primary residence had to have been owned for at least five years, and lived in for a total of two

of the most recent five years to qualify for the special treatment afforded by the tax code.

The relevant Code Section, 1034, provided for indefinite deferral of whatever taxes would otherwise have been payable if the selling taxpayer replaced the home with one of equal or greater value within two years before or after the sale of the subject property.

In addition, there was no requirement that any of the cash received in the sale actually be put

into the purchase of the replacement property.

The only requirement was that the acquisition price be at least equal to the price of the property which had been sold. If this criteria was not met within the requisite time period, the entire amount of gain was taxable at the applicable capital gains rate.

The only exception allowed sellers who had reached the ripe old age of 55 and were not planning to replace their previous home with one that cost as much to exclude the first \$125,000 of gain when calculating their tax liability.

These rules continue to apply to sales that occurred through May 6 of this year. For sales that closed during the period from May 7 through the date of passage of the new tax law, August 7, 1997, and for sales in which a binding contract had been executed during the same period of time, the seller may choose whether to be governed by the old law or the new one.

Looking forward

All sales which close on or after August 7, 1997, will be governed exclusively by the new law, which quadruples the amount of exempt capital gain for married couples,

who are now entitled to exempt \$500,000 in gain.

The new law also doubles the size of the exemption available to an unmarried seller, increasing it to \$250,000.

Although it is still necessary to have resided in the property for two of the five years previous to sale, it is now only necessary to have owned it for two years to qualify for the higher amount of exempt gain.

The new law eliminates the two year roll-over provision as well as the \$125,000-over-55 exemption provision of the previous law. Sellers of any age qualify for the new, larger exemption amounts.

Now, when one sells a home, the first \$500,000 in gain will be tax exempt (\$250,000 for a single taxpayer) and the balance will be taxable at the new capital gains rate of from 10 percent to 20 percent, depending on one's tax bracket. This represents a reduction in maximum rates ranging from 15 to 28 percent respectively, under the old law.

Ground rules

The new, lower capital gains rates apply only to assets held for at least 18 months, unless purchased prior to August 7, 1997. Properties purchased prior to this date need only

be held for 12 months to qualify for the new rates.

Remember, these rates apply only to gain in excess of \$500,000 (\$250,000 for an unmarried seller) if the property has been held for at least two years. Otherwise, the entire amount of gain is taxable at these rates, providing the property has been held for either 12 or 18 months, depending on the date of acquisition.

Those who hold their properties for at least five years will pay at even lower capital gain rates on gain exceeding \$500,000 (\$250,000 for a single person), ranging from 8 to 18 percent, depending on his or her tax bracket.

Making sure

This is a bare-bones summary of the new legislation and is meant only to give you a general idea of how the changes may affect you if you are considering selling your home. Don't make the decision without consulting your accountant, however, to be sure you really know

how these changes will affect individual situation.

It's too early to tell, but it's likely that the new tax law will be a big hit with sellers whose properties have appreciated substantially but less than \$500,000.

These changes may be particularly painful for people who have in excess of \$500,000 now can no longer simply roll over the gain but must pay taxes on it.

Chances are a significant number of such properties will be coming onto the market before long. This is good news to buyers and brokers who have been waiting with the realities of too many sellers for too few houses for some time now.

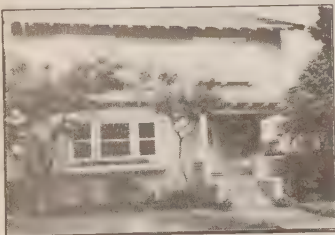
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Look for the distribution panel of the electrical system. If it is a fuse panel and you would like to do a kitchen remodel, you are quite probably going to have to change the electrical service to the house and the distribution panel.

Sometimes the system can be so inadequate that you can not even use a hair dryer and a toaster at the same time!

• Furnace. Take a look. Is the furnace that huge thing sitting in the center if the basement with many large round ducts coming out of it? Then it is probably a very old gravity-feed unit with the ducting

wrapped in asbestos.

These systems are inefficient but work adequately and quietly unless you are going to add more heat outlets. At some point in your life in the building you will probably have a new forced-air furnace installed — with the asbestos ducts being removed and replaced.

In the next column I'll continue to point out things you can look for and give you some ideas on finding good people to help inspect the house. Good luck in the meantime.

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Her name was Julia Morgan, and she was by far America's most prolific architect, and one of the first women to crack the wall of prejudice in that male-dominated profession. During her forty-year career, she designed nearly 800 buildings throughout the United States, (compared to less than 600 for Frank

Morgan's work ranged from quietly elegant wooden houses in the Esat Bay Hill to the overwhelming ostentation of Hearst Castle in San Simeon.

Lloyd Wright, her nearest competitor).

Her work ranged from quietly elegant wooden houses in the East Bay hills to the overwhelming ostentation of Hearst Castle at San Simeon. Today, her domestic designs are considered among the most refined and livable residences in the Bay Area by homeowners and architectural critics alike.

Born in San Francisco in 1872, Morgan grew up in Oakland. At 18, she entered the University of California at Berkeley, and in 1894 became the first female to receive an engineering degree from that institution. In her senior year, she took a drafting course from an unorthodox young architect named Bernard

Maybeck.

Maybeck became one of Morgan's most enthusiastic supporters, as well as a lifelong friend and occasional collaborator. After graduation, he hired Morgan to be an assistant in his architectural office, where she oversaw the construction of a number of buildings over the next two years. With Maybeck's encouragement, Morgan went to Paris in 1896 to apply to the Ecole des Beaux-Arts.

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two years, during which time she refined the designs of two University landmarks, the Hearst Mining Building and the Greek Theater.

In 1904 Morgan decided it was time to open her own office in San Francisco, becoming the first woman ever licensed to practice architecture in the state of California. She immediately established an unrelenting work pattern which made it possible for her to develop, design, supervise and personally oversee an average of twenty projects per year over the next four decades.

Morgan worked for eighteen hours a day for nearly her entire professional life, (except when she was looking for architectural fragments or sculpture in Europe to use in the Hearst Castle). She kept her staff fairly small, ranging from five to sixteen men and women, relating to them as a professor to graduate students in a studio atmosphere.

Among the young architects who started their career in her office were a number who went on to become quite successful in their own practices, such as the respected Berkeley architect Walter Steilberg.

One of Morgan's first commissions was to design a bell tower for Mills College in Oakland. For this structure Morgan combined modern, reinforced concrete construction with a highly original version of a Mission-style campanile.

For over 90 years, El Campanil has been the symbol of this renowned women's college, and it has withstood numerous earthquakes and tremors without a crack. The Mills College trustees later commissioned Morgan to do three more major buildings on campus: a

gymnasium (1908), a library (1916), and a social hall (1916).

Perhaps the best example of Morgan's "environmentally sensitive" work was her plan for St. John's Presbyterian Church, on College Avenue at Derby Street in Berkeley. Built between 1908 and 1910, the construction of this solid redwood building was kept within a strict budget limitation of \$2 per square foot, a remarkably small sum even for those times. This constraint, which would have daunted many other architects, actually brought out the best qualities of Morgan's philosophy of design.

Morgan believed that a building should reflect the needs of its users and blend in naturally with its environment, rather than confront the public with a statement of the architect's ego. This basic philosophy was shared by the other Bay Area architects of her generation who developed the school known as the First Bay Tradition, among whom Maybeck and Morgan were the most prominent.

St. John's Presbyterian Church, which today houses the Julia Morgan Theater, integrates so well with its surroundings that at first glance it appears to be a large brown-shingled house, rather than a religious structure.

The exterior, with its redwood shingles, red-stained clapboards, wide overhanging eaves, and clerestory of small, yellow-tinted Gothic windows, harmonizes in a manner similar to Maybeck's famous Christian Science Church, built two years later nearby. The interior displays an unusual refinement in its use of exposed studs and roof trusses to create a pleasing rhythm of forms made of warm, organic materials.

The decade between 1910 and 1920 was a period of incredible activity for Morgan. Some of her

most impressive commissions of those years were the mansions she designed for well-to-do clients in the nouveau-riche enclave of Piedmont. Most of these clients instructed Morgan to employ their favorite Period Revival styles in the designs of their homes. Yet each one of these mansions reveals some unique characteristics of the architect's philosophy.

In the Walter Starr House at 216 Hampton Road in Piedmont (1911), Morgan rendered her own version of the Mediterranean mode, lighting the soft wood paneling of the interior with large, latticed windows trimmed in subtle Moorish-arched tracery.

The mammoth James Lombard House on Farragut at Crocker Avenue (1915), is essentially a Tudor-Revival manor, but Morgan's hand is clearly evident in the sophistication of the steeply sloping gable lines, the rhythmic chimney placement, and the multi-paned window treatments.

During this period, Morgan also received many commissions from women's groups, including a series of YWCA buildings in cities throughout California. Some of Morgan's YWCA buildings have since been torn down, but Oakland's elegantly detailed Italian-Renaissance-style facility at 15th and Webster Streets (1915), stands as evidence of heradroitness at giving institutional structures a warmly human quality.

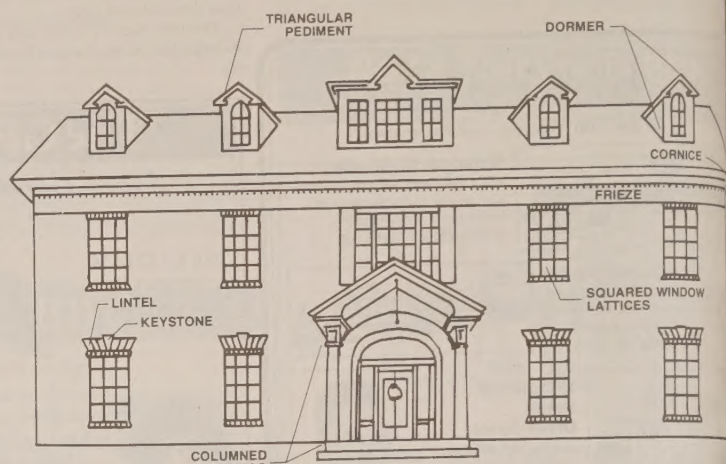
In 1919, publishing millionaire William Randolph Hearst came to visit Morgan to discuss his idea for converting the family ranch at San Simeon into "something a bit more comfortable."

Within a year, construction began on the new residence at San Simeon, which eventually evolved

into the present 100-room Spanish-Moorish estate popularly known as Hearst Castle. "La Cuesta Encantada" (the enchanted hill), was to take up several days out of every month for Morgan over the next 30 years.

San Simeon was every bit as egotistical an obsession for its owner as the fictional version depicted in Orson Wells' classic film "Citizen Kane". Yet for Morgan, the project was her opportunity to realize every architect's dream: to direct and supervise a team of artisans working to create a unique environment with unlimited resources.

During the 1920s and '30s, Morgan continued to turn out several commissions a year. The Phoebe Hearst Memorial Gymnasium on the U.C. Berkeley campus (1925), dedicated to William Randolph's mother, was a neoclassic Beaux-Arts composition on which she collaborated with Maybeck.



Julia Morgan designed this Georgian Period Revival home at 1 Eucalyptus Road in Berkeley in 1910. Her design exemplifies the sophistication and attention to detail that Morgan brought to her work.

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Julia Morgan's legacy speaks clearly to anyone who takes the time to appreciate it

The Seldon Williams House at 2821 Claremont Avenue in Berkeley (1928), is one of Morgan's most innovative domestic designs, combining Mediterranean stucco and frescoes on the exterior with beautiful Venetian Gothic concrete tracery over plate glass sliding windows.

And the Berkeley Women's Club (now the City Club), on Durant Avenue near Ellsworth Street (1929), was Morgan's second largest commission, a six-story concrete Renaissance palazzo sheltering a series of wonderfully appealing cloistered courts.

In 1950, Morgan finally closed down her office and retired. She died

at her home in Berkeley in 1957, at 85, a few months before her son and mentor Bernard Maybeck.

Her legacy speaks clearly to anyone who takes the time to appreciate it: in the warm and livable quality of her domestic interiors, in the subtle beauty of carefully crafted stairways, in the pleasing refinement of every one of her exteriors and most of all, in the abundance of the greatest creative genius can bestow.

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Events

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Red Oak Gallery hosts an exhibition by local artist Karen Gault through September 26. The show reflects Karen's 28 years of exploring and developing a style influenced by improvisational dance, Chinese brush painting, photo realism and impressionism. To view or purchase her paintings stop by the gallery in Red Oak Realty's offices at 1891 Solano Ave. in Berkeley. To enjoy a sample of her work without leaving home. Log onto Red Oak Realty's Web site: www.redoakrealty.com. Call 527-3387 for more information.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your dream into a dream. On Sat., Aug 23 BEC presents Faux Finish: Surface Transformations with Christie Jones of Faux Works. Bring a small object to paint. Roofing contractor Vincent Corbett Jr. conducts A Roofing Primer (se habla Español) and author/designer Skip Wenz leads Creating an Ecological

House. On Sun. Aug. 24, the center hosts architects John Fordice and Kelly Lerner's seminar **Alternative Building Materials: Cob and Strawbale** On Mon., Aug 18 don't miss architect John Ploss as he presents **Preconstruction: the Design and Planning Process**. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

The Small Business Association (SBA) is hosting a series of workshops called **Meet Successful Small Business Owners**. Successful small business owners, bankers and corporate executives have joined with the SBA to strengthen small business in Oakland. **How to Buy the Right Franchise** is on tap from 10 a.m. to noon, Wed., Aug 27. Learn the art of the **One-Page Business Plan** on Thurs., Aug. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; at the One Stop Capital Shop, 519 17th St. in Oakland. Call 273-6020 for information on this or any of the upcoming workshops.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. invites first-time home buyers to a free **No-Money-Down Seminar**, Thurs. Aug. 21 in Oakland. Learn about credit repair, no-money-down purchases, non-occupant co-mortgages, budgeting, down-payment-assistant programs, and the loan process. Call (800) 801-1320.

The Sydney B. Mitchell Iris Society invites you to its August meeting 8 p.m., Fri., Aug. 22 at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, in Oakland. Dr. John Weiler will speak on reblooming tall bearded iris. Dr. Weiler's talk will cover the flower's history with slides and a discussion about the flower's culture. Call 482-5252 for more information.

Anyone planning to buy a home should attend the comprehensive Real Estate Financing Seminar 7 to 8 p.m., Wed., Aug. 27 at Jack London Square's Waterfront Hotel. Come and discover first-time home buyer programs, just how much you can afford to buy, why preapproval is important, what a loan approval is based on, real estate trends in the Bay Area and more. Seating is limited. Call (800) 339-3903.

Catherine Teegarden of Commonwealth United Mortgage presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m., Thurs., Aug. 28 at the First American Title Company, 1544 Webster St. in Oakland. Learn how

to purchase, rehab and sell residential properties. Realtors can learn how to locate and market 203(k) fixer-uppers. Owner-occupants can buy for 5 percent down. Nonprofits (churches and others) can buy and fix up properties for the communities they serve. Investor loans are discussed. Realtors, homebuyers, nonprofit organizations and investors are all welcome to attend. This workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call Catherine Teegarden at 210-8103 for information and reservations.

Wausau Mortgage Corporation and the Bay Area Coalition for Affordable Housing (BACAH) present a free **No Money Down, No Closing Cost Workshop**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sat., Aug. 30 at the Marriott in Oakland's City Center, 1001 Broadway. Suzanne Brown of BACAH will show first-time homebuyers an easier way of getting into that first home. The workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Call 536-5652 to register.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored Red Oak Re-

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Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product**. The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan program to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call (800) 801-1320, ext. 240 for times and places in your area.

The **Orchid Society of California** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Belle-

vue Ave., Oakland. Learn about orchids and their care. Purchase orchid plants at the members' plant sale before the meeting. Orchid lecturers share their knowledge and provide plants for a raffle. Join the camaraderie and learn about the beautiful world of orchids. Call 531-1210 for more information.

The **Golden Gate Cymbidium Society** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wed. of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. A plant sale is featured before the meeting affording you the opportunity to purchase quality cymbidiums. These meetings feature expert growers from around world with their slides and valuable tips for growing cymbidiums. Attend this meeting and learn how to grow and bloom these beautiful plants. Call 531-1210 for more information.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Dennis Evanovsky, Real Estate Editor, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047, Fax: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

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Among these districts are the seven stops along the former railroad line, called The Stations, which have each grown to become clusters of commercial and retail business. Another district is The Northern Waterfront which is an award winning mixed use development on a former steel manufacturing and boat building site.

The South Shore, which has beach access, also has 600,000 square feet of shopping and the older

East End is nearest Bay Farm Island. Harbor Bay Isle is a new residential and industrial development on what is called Bay Farm Island. But Bay Farm Island is not an island at all. Although linked to and part of the city of Alameda, it is actually a peninsula attached to Oakland.

Even the name has been changed in an effort to brighten up Alameda's image. The new name for the naval station located on the west end of the island is Alameda Point. The city and the Navy now have concurrent jurisdiction over the former base.

"It's not the Navy's anymore,"

Hoard said. "It's both of ours." There are a number of other amenities and little known facts about Alameda Island.

For example, George Lucas filmed part of his moody 1971 Science Fiction film, "THX 1138," in the Alameda Tube that links Alameda to the mainland.

"Alameda has more Victorian buildings and more pleasure boat berths than any other place in the Bay," Hoard pointed out.

She also said that where one usually expects a single building to be in the National Register of

Historic Places, the whole of Park Street has earned that designation.

The economic bad times are probably over for most of California as the state once again enjoys a boom in jobs and real estate values.

That will undoubtedly rub off on Alameda which will be rediscovered as a quiet, secluded, sunny place to work and do business.

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- 2306 JEFFERSON, Sweet 3bd home, centrally located
Bartels, Charles Goldstein 843-7399 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 \$164,950
- 2700 LeCONTE #205, Super No. Berk. condo, L-shape, furnished
Mason-McDuffie, Barbara Hopper 845-0200 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5 \$139,900
- CASTRO VALLEY** Open Sunday
- 22501 CENTER ST, 2/2, nrly new condo, extral \$4K moves you in
Better Homes Realty 339-4000 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5 \$118,500
- EL CERRITO** Open Sunday
- 1335 CONTRA COSTA DR, Gorgeous! 3 1/2, fam rm, chef's kit, vws \$595,000
Templeton Company, Ron Egnerman 652-2133 X127 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30
- 6701-03 BLAKE, 1st open! 2 homes! lot, nw 3 1/2 & 4/2, lg garage
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X103 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$379,000
- 237 RAMONA, Charm, privacy, 2+bd, remod kit & bath, special yd
Marvin Gardens 527-2700, Ken 287-8755 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$254,000
- 1244 RICHMOND ST, 3/2, huge mstr suite, frpl, hwdw, wrkshp, lg lot
Security Pacific, Janelle Chiu 222-8888 OPEN SUNDAY 3-6 \$225,000
- 1144 RICHMOND ST, 3bd/2 1/2ba townhouse, sauna, 2-car garage.
Loan points paid. By Owner 233-6080 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 \$174,950
- LAFAYETTE** Open Sunday
- 55 LESLYN LN, 6/6 1/2 Magnificent hilltop estate, 7+ gated acres w/ \$2,595,000
pool/spa/tennis. View! 10,000 sf, Coldwell Banker, Jerilyn 547-1615 SUN 1-4
- MORAGA** Open Sunday
- 4 JULIANNA CT, 4/4, elegant living in Sanders Ranch. 4000 sf on
1 1/2 wooded acre. FDR, family rm. Coldwell Banker, Jerilyn 547-1615 SUN 1-4 \$949,500
- ORINDA** Open Sunday
- 21 DIAS DORADOS, 5bd/3 1/2ba beautifully renovated! grt location
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, George Millons 869-4233 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$679,000
- 30 EASTWOOD DR, 4/3 lovely updt trad'l. Best area. Huge mstr
suite, grt views, hwdws. Coldwell Banker, Jerilyn 547-1615 SUNDAY 1-4 \$514,500
- PIEDMONT** Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm
- 43 FARRAGUT AVE, Sophisticated, renovated 4/4 contemporary
The GRUBB Company, Mavis Delacroix \$1,450,000
- 207 ESTATES DR, 5bd/3+ba, 1st open, custom kit, rec rm, gardens
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460 \$1,195,000
- 101 SCENIC AVE, Smashing bay vws, 4/3+ lovely Tudor, library
The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400 \$899,000
- 209 HILLSIDE AVE, Sunny trad'l w/updt kit, 3/3 1/2, level to gardens
The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400 \$849,000
- 210 SCENIC AVE, Pano Bay View! 3bd/4ba with aupair
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Fatima Ali 849-5315 \$789,000
- 121 MONTICELLO AVE, 3+bd/2 1/2ba, airy, charming trad'l, best area
Family rm, gourmet EIK, bsmt, study, Coldwell Banker, Jerilyn 547-1615 \$749,000
- 604 BLAIR AVE, 4bd/3+ba trad'l, new listing! aupair, family rm
Pacific Union, Francis Heath 339-6460 \$746,000
- 136 WALDO AVE, Charming, 4 spacious bd up, 1bd off kit, garden
The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400 \$729,500
- 45 INVERLEITH TER, 3+bd/2+ba, elegant, renovated, fam rm off kit
Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460 \$599,000
- 816 BLAIR AVE, Level-in, fully remod 3/3, sunroom w/bay views
The GRUBB Company, Mindy Scott 339-0400 \$549,000

- 116 LATHAM ST, Elegant 3/2 trad'l w/gorgeous arch, hwdws, garden \$495,000
The GRUBB Company, Anian Tunney 339-0400
- 120 MAGNOLIA AVE, Updtd 3bd bungalow, stone frpl, bonus room. \$398,000
Move-in condition. Superb opportunity! Robert Nelson 869-5133
- 105 WILDWOOD AVE, 3/2 w/FDR, small backyard & patio, off-st pkg
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Hoover 704-9400 \$389,000
- 1749 TRETTLE GLEN, Grt light, pvt setting, 3/2, mstr suite, lg rms
Marvin Gardens 527-2700, Richard 287-8764 \$349,000
- RICHMOND** Open Sunday
- 430 DIMM, R. View, charm/elegance! 3+bd, FDR, kit & nook, bsmt \$214,500
Bartels Realty, 232-1462 Linda Bartels OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
- 685 AMADOR, R. View, 3bd/2ba bungalow, big woody lot, FDR, frpl \$170,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X163 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4
- SAN LEANDRO** Open Sunday
- 1746 CLEARVIEW, 4bd
Rinetti & Company Realtors 568-6171 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$399,500
- 1631 DAILY COURT, 4bd
Re/Max West Realty, Carolyn 461-0303 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$355,000
- 299 BEGIER AVENUE, 4bd
Geritz Realty, Marj 895-9912 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 \$229,950
- 2 MARLOW DRIVE, 3 bedrooms
Rinetti & Company Realtors 568-6171 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$209,000
- 13515 DOLLITTLE DRIVE, 3 bedrooms
John Sellers Realty, Amanda 357-5714 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$185,000
- 15959 LARGAVISTA,
The Village Realtors, Tom 481-2489 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 \$172,500
- 16985 LOS REYES, 3 bedrooms
The Village Realtors, Tom 481-2489 OPEN SUNDAY 12:30-4:30 \$168,000
- 713 VICTORIA, 2bd
Rinetti & Company Realtors 568-6171 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$164,500
- 2521 GALLEON, Lovely 2/2 condo, 1 gar/1 carport, pool, spa, tennis \$149,500
Harbor Bay Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352 OPEN SATURDAY 2-4
- 1432 IVY COURT, 2 bedrooms
Rinetti & Company Realtors 568-6171 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30 \$145,000
- 443 E. MERLE CT, 2bd/1ba, needs some work, large lot
Gadsby & Associates, Ingrid 748-5300 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4:00 \$140,000
- 15907 MAUBERT AVENUE, 2 bedrooms
By Owner, Mike 483-4606 OPEN SUNDAY 12-4 \$139,950
- 724 MARTIN BL, 2 bedroom
By Owner, Terry/Karl 636-9150 OPEN SUNDAY 12-5 \$135,000
- 433 HARLAN ST #207
Coldwell Banker, Margaret 463-7777 OPEN SUNDAY 12-4 \$86,000

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DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Area Home Sales

ALAMEDA
27 Britt Ct. - \$265,500
45 Britt Ct. - \$240,000
1029 Central Ave. - \$258,000
3235 Central Ave. - \$255,000
3288 Central Ave. - \$195,000
516 Central Ave. - \$255,000
43 Coleport Lane - \$427,500
2512 Encinal Ave. - \$211,000
2935 Fernside Blvd. - \$265,000
206 Harbor Rd. - \$236,500
1067 Melrose Ave. - \$163,000
222 Puddingstone Rd. - \$265,000
548 Santa Clara Ave. - \$198,000
955 Shorepoint #315 - \$83,000
360 Sweet Rd. - \$430,000

ALBANY
827 Madison St. - \$285,000
535 Pierce St. #3312 - \$152,500
535 Pierce St. #3407 - \$179,000
555 Pierce St. #425 - \$90,000
1036 Pomona Ave. - \$395,000
503 San Carlos Ave. - \$261,000

BERKELEY
2761 Acton St. - \$124,000
1290 Bancroft Way - \$129,500
1741 Beverly Pl. - \$273,000
2029 Channing #E4 - \$175,000
679 Cragmont Ave. - \$425,000
2080 Emerson St. - \$210,000
1000 Fresno Ave. - \$336,000
2014 Hearst Ave. #C - \$245,000
1223 Henry St. - \$225,000
933 Keeler Ave. - \$430,000
2524 McGee Ave. - \$150,000
1307 Milvia St. - \$365,000
511 Neilson St. - \$254,000
35 Parkside Dr. - \$530,000
643 Santa Rosa Ave. - \$335,000
48 Senior Ave. - \$421,000
2615 Telegraph #306 - \$175,000
1425 Virginia St. - \$235,000
2634 Virginia St. - \$175,000
3109 Wheeler St. - \$125,000

EL CERRITO
866 Balra Dr. - \$150,000
6139 Jordan Ave. - \$185,000
642 Norvell St. - \$190,000
3318 Santa Clara Ave. - \$235,000

EL SOBRANTE
4756 Bruno Rd. - \$100,000
6502 Hillside Dr. - \$339,000

1264 Kilcrease Cir. - \$141,000
5635 San Pablo Dam - \$112,000
4975 Santa Rita Rd. - \$208,000

EMERYVILLE
6 Admiral Dr. #A291 - \$128,000

OAKLAND
710 Appar St. - \$160,000
6494 Ascot Dr. - \$312,000
565 Bellevue #1002 - \$242,000
30 Binnacle Hill - \$425,000
5261 Boyd Ave. - \$275,000
5960 B'dway Terrace - \$675,000
3657 Brown Ave. - \$140,000
2463 Burlington St. - \$289,000
260 Caldecott #236 - \$219,000
5909 Chabot Rd. - \$374,500
476 Cheney Ave. - \$260,000
3282 Dakota St. - \$141,500
4230 Detroit Ave. - \$271,000
3940 Elston #3940 - \$255,000
1601 Excelsior Ave. - \$179,500
506 Fairbanks Ave. - \$325,000
2916 Frye St. - \$305,000
5200 Golden Gate - \$374,500
6132 Johnston Dr. - \$319,500
4224 La Cresta Ave. - \$240,000
2316 Lakeshore #2 - \$155,000
5303 Lawton Ave. - \$435,000
1000 Leo Way - \$185,000
619 Longridge Rd. - \$297,000
1262 Manuel Ct. - \$110,000
4121 Maybelle Ave. - \$225,500
5608 Merriewood Dr. - \$280,000
8232 Ney Ave. - \$130,000
4411 Norton Ave. - \$219,000
233 Oakland Ave. - \$115,500
5100 Parkridge Dr. - \$295,000
1004 Santa Maria Cir. - \$127,000
1064 Santa Maria Cir. - \$100,000
261 Sheridan Rd. - \$465,000
4300 Short Hill Rd. - \$241,000
1075 Stanford Ave. - \$107,000
3101 Suter St. - \$125,000
5586 Taft Ave. - \$339,000
1690 Trestle Glen Rd. - \$370,000
360 Vernon St. #304 - \$87,000
551 Vernon St. - \$205,000
1830 Vicksburg Ave. - \$80,500
320 Warwick Ave. - \$270,000
3646 West St. - \$160,000
1015 Winsor Ave. - \$175,000

PIEDMONT
7 Huntleigh Rd. - \$799,000

175 Indian Rd. - \$1,325,000
429 Linda Ave. - \$253,000
104 Pala Ave. - \$849,000

SAN LEANDRO
1471 136th Ave. #12 - \$85,000
1683 142nd Ave. - \$140,000
2285 Bermuda Ave. - \$173,000
738 Bridge Rd. - \$203,000
400 Cape Cod Dr. - \$203,000
1400 Carpentier #112 - \$117,500
15656 Cruiser Dr. - \$244,000
1180 Donovan Dr. - \$168,500
2418 Fairway Dr. - \$126,000
15228 Galt St. - \$165,000
655 Garside Ct. - \$230,000
1139 Glen Dr. - \$340,000
15650 Hull Cir. - \$268,000
1209 Lucille St. - \$160,000
1763 Oriole Ave. - \$110,000
2088 Strang Ave. - \$161,500
308 W. Broadmoor - \$141,000
15268 Wiley St. - \$178,000

SAN LORENZO
16731 Bar Ave. - \$165,000
975 Bockman Rd. - \$160,000
15768 P. Del Campo - \$143,000
1772 Via Lacqua - \$169,000
17096 Via Piedras - \$153,000
16005 Via Pinale - \$165,000
15942 Via Toledo - \$205,000
17601 Wickman Pl. - \$102,000

SALES STATS BY CITY
ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 15
LOWEST PRICE: \$83,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$430,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$249,833
ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$395,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$227,083
BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 20
LOWEST PRICE: \$124,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$530,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$266,875
EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 4

LOWEST PRICE: \$150,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$235,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$190,000

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$339,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$180,000

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$128,000

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 45
LOWEST PRICE: \$80,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$675,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$244,244

PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$253,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$340,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$286,500

SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 18
LOWEST PRICE: \$85,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$340,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$178,527

SAN LORENZO
TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$102,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$205,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$157,750

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OPEN SUN. 12-2 — 3033 LINDA VISTA, ALAMEDA
NEW LISTING! Great location facing courtyard! 4 BD, 2 1/2 BA townhome. Family room, upgraded kitchen and baths, patio with deck. \$217,900

OPEN SUN. 2-4 — 1340 FERNSIDE, ALAMEDA
Move-in condition 2 BD, 2 BA split-level bungalow with upgraded master suite. Termite clearance. Great yard! Reduced \$219,000!

2418 MARTI RAE, ALAMEDA
NEW LISTING! Charming 1 BD, 1 BA cottage in East End with courtyard setting \$139,500

1534 SEVENTH AVE., OAKLAND
NEW LISTING! Large 1-level family home. 2 BD, 1 1/4 BA with bonus room near new Chinatown. \$105,000



NINA QUAN
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OPEN SUNDAY 1:00-4:00

2306 Jefferson, Berkeley
Sweet 3 bedroom home centrally located.
\$164,500

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521-8181 REALTORS 523-1010

CASTRO VALLEY
HUGE CORNER LOT. 3 bedroom, 1 bath home. Walk to BART. Mary Ann Herber, 568-2040 or Sharon Greene, 523-9421.

SPACIOUS CASTRO VALLEY DUPLEX. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths in each unit. Central heat, w/w carpeting. Oversized garages, includes laundry, & large yard. Raye Thieman, 748-1771.

SAN LEANDRO
BUILDING AND/OR BUSINESS. George's Automotive Service. Since 1937. Great Business Opportunity for an investor or auto mechanic who wishes to start his own business. Great gross income, good growth potential. Call Jim Peatross, 748-3883.

GREAT RENTAL PROPERTIES IN SAN LEANDRO. Nice area & close to BART. 2 units, both 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Debbie Budd, 748-1806.

BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED HISTORICAL VICTORIAN. Gourmet kitchen, designer decorated. Large lot with private park-like yard & carriage house rental. Alice Garvin, 748-1763.

LEONA HEIGHTS RANCH CHARMER IN GREAT LOCATION! 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, spacious, airy & immaculate, level lot, 2-car garage. Sharon Greene, 523-9421 or Mary Ann Herber, 568-2040.

LARGE HOME. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath up & 2 bedrooms, 1 bath down. Studio in back. Could be extra income. Beautiful avocado & grapefruit trees in this secluded backyard. Total upgrades. A Must See at \$195,000. Debbie Budd, 748-1806.

TOP FLOOR CONDO. 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, corner unit, security. Sharon Greene, 523-9421 or Mary Ann Herber, 568-2040.

MAXWELL PARK AREA. 2 bedroom home with 1 bath & 2 bedroom in-law unit. Les Dronick, 748-1759.

FRUITVALE AREA, OAKLAND. Mirror image buildings with 8 units each. Separate owners. Cherie Fogarty, 748-1765.

OAKLAND FOURPLEX. Close to skyline, excellent neighborhood, all units are 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, best price in the area. \$299,000. Kitty Wan, 747-1621. Kitty Wan 747-1621

DIMOND DISTRICT. Fixer with great curb appeal. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Only \$125,000. Call for appointment. Cherie Fogarty, 748-1765.

DUPLEX BY MILLS COLLEGE. 2 bedroom, 1 bath each, 2-car garage, low-maintenance yard. By appointment only. Cherie Fogarty, 748-1765.

4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH DIMOND FAMILY HOME. Must see to appreciate! On the market for only \$215,000. For appointment, call Cherie Fogarty, 748-1765.

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OAKLAND
123,500 2999 PONDEROSA. Single-level 2 BD bungalow on a large lot with 2 fireplaces & off-street parking! Newer carpets & new kitchen! Jean Powers 814-4822

CONCORD
\$25,000 2926 FOOTHILL. Great potential! Former rest home. 16 BD, 4+ BA, & commercial kitchen. Steve Sorensen 814-4888

259,000 3799 HAPPY LN. Single-family Victorian. PENDING. J shape, 4 BD, 1 1/2 BA, formal dining. Lot is zoned for 21 units! Peter Fletcher 523-5750

429,000 3460 REVERE. Panoramic view of Bay Area! Pristine custom single-level 3 BD, 2 BA home. Beamed ceilings, large rooms, full decks, level access, den or office. Immaculate! Margaret Lombie 521-7193

SAN LEANDRO
\$101,250 1508 136th AVE. Immaculate 2 BD condo with oversized deck! Fresh paint, ready to move. PENDING. Audrey, pets OK, & FHA app. Marilyn Schumacher 814-4709

\$124,500 2228 WINDLASS. Bright & light 2 BD, 1 BA condo located in a small very well-kept community! Marina district! Newer carpet! PENDING. Marina district! Newer carpet! PENDING. Elaine Budka 814-4835

San Lorenzo

\$149,500 1562 VIA DEL SOL. Very clean & light single-level 3 BD bungalow! Hardwood floors, fireplace in living room, workshop in garage & large yard. Martha Turner 814-4828

Hayward

\$113,500 260 FLINT. An excellent 2 BD, 2 BA condo with fireplace, modern kitchen, in-law laundry & small but nice yard! Peter Fletcher 523-5750

Castro Valley

\$145,000 19219 VAN HORN. "As-is" contractor special! PENDING. 3 BD bungalow with 2 BD, 1 1/2 BA, kitchen, & a large backyard with fruit trees! Bev & George Williams 522-7173

Concord

\$205,000 2816 BOWIE. Bring your tools to this affordable "As-is" BA home in a great location. Large lot! Needs TLC. Kathy Harris 814-4706

San Ramon

\$205,000 2816 BOWIE. Bring your tools to this affordable "As-is" BA home in a great location. Large lot! Needs TLC. Kathy Harris 814-4706

Out of Area

\$175,000 2645 EASTLAKE, KELSEYVILLE. Buckingham Park, middle class! 2 BD, 1 BA home with family room, 2 fireplaces, & 2-car garage. Approx 1 acre of natural setting with filtered view of lake! Margaret Lombie 521-7193

Class action suit

Bay Area residents who have paid off their home loans with Bank of America or Great Western Bank since April 1993 may be able to join a class action lawsuit against the banks.

The suit, originally filed June 1994 in Los Angeles Superior Court, claims the banks took fees of up to \$65 per homeowner to process the reconveyance of title after a loan was repaid, but failed to perform this service as mandated by state law.

Homeowners have until August 26 to join the class action suit. There are more than 75,000 Bay Area homeowners who have paid off home loans with the two banks since April 1993.

Anyone interested in joining the suit, Coldiron vs. Bank of America, should contact Peter Bezek with the Santa Barbara firm of Foley, Bezek & Komoroske at (805) 962-9400, write to 801 Garden St., Suite 200, Santa Barbara, CA 93101-1349.

Gardening books to loan

The books are available to all Bay Area residents for a small annual fee of \$2. The library, located in the Garden Center Building in Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, is open Thursdays 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (except holidays). For more information, call 482-5252.

TERE 814-4840 or LEE 810-6735 pgr. 李麗珠 HARBOR BAY REALTY

ALAMEDA
OPEN SAT. & SUN. 2-4 — 2899 SEAVIEW PARKWAY. 4 BD, 3 BA home. Panoramic view of the Bay! NO BOND. Marble entry, upgraded kitchen.

5 GARDEN — NEW LISTING! 3 BD on large lot. Many upgrades. NO BOND or HOA dues! 46 BAY PARK TERRACE. 3 BD, 2 1/2 BA townhome. Approx. 10 yrs. old. View of bridge & S.F. Gated community.

16 ROSS RD. 4BD, 3 BA home. Approx. 5 yrs. old. 1 BD office down. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY. Wine, Liquor & Deli. 1 BD apt. Included.

SAN LEANDRO
OPEN SAT. 2-4 — 2521 GALLEON. 2 BD, 2 BA upper unit near golf & tennis. MARINA SEAGATE. Call for info on townhome listings.

OAKLAND
7953 STERLING. 3 BD, 1 BA home on large lot. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY. In downtown office building.

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FEATURED ALAMEDA INVESTMENTS
*1311 WEBSTER #E109. 1 BD Condo overlooking park. \$89,500 PENDING
*985 POST. One-level 3 BD, 1 BA, move-in condition. \$219,000 SOLD
*2943 GIBBONS. Fernside Dist. 3 BD, 2 BA, family rm. \$389,000 SOLD
*1368 EAST SHORE. 3 BD, 2 BA on San Leandro Bay. \$429,000 SOLD

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